Bombers breach Whitehall security

Brooke presses on with talks

BY RICHARD FORD AND SHEILA GUNN

THE IRA breached Whitehall security to strike at the heart of government for the second time in eleven months yesterday when a briefcase bomb exploded within 300 yards of 10 Downing

The 5lb device exploded minutes after the prime minister had left Downing Street for an election strategy meeting at Conservative Central Office. The IRA said that the bombing was timed to coincide with that meeting and to force "the occupation" of Northern Ireland on to the political

But political leaders of all persuasions insisted that they vould not be swayed by acts of terrorism, and Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, declared his determination to press ahead with talks on devolution for the province. John Major backed that initiative, saying: "That is the way to make progress, to talk, not to place

"The terrorists really

INSIDE **Easing out** the rouble

Ukraine yesterday took a key step towards ending its use of the rouble. In a move that will increase tensions between Kiev and Moscow, it introduced pay for state employees in reusable coupons, to prepare the way for introduction of its own currency by the summer.

As a result. Russia could become a dumping ground for unwanted roubles, further pushing up inflation Military deal, page 8

Leading article, page 11 Debt default, page 17 Experiment proved fatal

A psychologist on an alternative therapy course drowned in a swimming pool after experimenting to see how long he could hold his breath underwater.

John Michael Penney. 34, of Hampstead, north London, was at a transformational training group leadership course run by American Eric Lee Preisler at Grimstone Manor, west Devon. last December. when he died Page 3

Baby thrown into Thames

A man was jailed for nine years yesterday for throwing his five-month-old daughter to her death in the Thames. Leroy Wade dropped baby Cara 25ft into the river near Tower Bridge, and the central criminal court heard that he told police "the world is too wicked for my

Croatia poses **EC** doubts

A report on whether the EC should recognise four Yu-goslav republics cites only Slovenia as posing no problems, raising doubts about whether Croatia will win recognition next week. The Belgian foreign minister. Mark Eyskens, however, said that EC states would recall ambassadors from Yuguslavia in recognition of the fact that the country no longer existed Page 9

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should have learnt by now that neither in Belfast, nor in they be able to bomb people out of their normal activities. their homes, their schools, or anything else." Nobody was hunt in the

blast in Whitehall Place during yesterday morning's rushhour, but cars were damaged and windows shattered as debris scattered across hundreds of yards. Police were last night looking for a red Gregistered Volvo 244 series car, which was seen parked in the bay where the bomb was placed shortly before the explosion at 9.10 am.

Two telephone warnings had been received before the explosion, and the bomb was spotted by two police sergeants. An explosives officer was called and he was moving away when the bomb went off, blowing another officer Anti-terrorist squad officers

believe the present mainland campaign is being conducted by no more than half a dozen activists travelling around the country. Suspects include the man who organised the mortar attack on Downing Street last February and two men who escaped from Brixton prison last July. But police do not think yesterday's bomb-ing was the work of the cell that has anacked shopping centres around England in the past few weeks.

Commander George Churchill-Coleman, head of the anti-terrorist squad, said there was more than one gang operating here, with individuals travelling to bomb targets and then going away. He did not think the devices were being made on the mainland.

The Whitehall Place attack had been designed to cause maximum disruption to life in the capital and to win 'kudos" for the IRA, Mr Churchill-Coleman said. Obviously this device was placed while thousands of people were on their way through the area to work. The criminals took a real risk in doing this and the more people that keep their eyes and ears open the bigger the

However, the fact that bombers had again broken



area brought calls for tougher policing and tighter security. Ivor Stanbrook, chairman of the Conservative backbench Northern Ireland committee, said: "This outrage shows that the IRA can operate in London with impunity and that the government's response to terrorism is quite inadequate. If the IRA can

burn-out Rover

get another bomb into White-hall only months after firing a mortar shell into 10 Downing Street, then the so-called review of security which followed the last incident is a mockery." The Labour MP Alan Meale, who is a member of the home affairs com-Continued on page 16, col 8

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Lamont warned on panic budget

BY SHEILA GUNN AND JILL SHERMAN

NORMAN Lamont was warned by senior Conservatives last night to rule out panic measures as he draws up his budget strategy this weekend. Instead he was urged to do his part in steadying the Tories' election nerve.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer and his team, gathered at Chevening for the traditional pre-budget meeting, were sent a clear message by Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, and Sir Leon Brittan, the EC commissioner for competition, not to listen to the "devaluation-

mongers". In addition, Westminster sources confirmed that John Major had accepted the case put by Chris Patten, the party chairman, against "quick fixes", such as a 1p cut in income tax. On the second day of talks on election strategy Mr Major is understood to have told cabinet colleagues that the greatest danger fac-ing the party was panicking in the face of pressure from jinery MPs. The meeting also confirmed the two favourite polling dates among the cabinet to be April 9 and May 7.

As pressure on sterling con-tinued, the foreign secretary said that those demanding devaluation, said to include Margaret Thatcher, were promoting the defeatist option. He pointed to seven cuts in interest rates in 1991, compared to a 1.5 per cent rise in German rates.

"Despite this progress there are voices to suggest that a realignment of the

ERM — the current euphemism for devaluation would be a shot in the arm for the UK economy. They are wrong," Mr Hurd said.

Sir Leon argued that devaluation could add two percentage points to interest rates.

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Can you tell a country by its currency? On Monday The Times is encouraging the hobby of collecting banknotes by giving away money. See Page 3 today

Ratner resigns as chairman after £72m loss disclosed

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH



Ratner: staying on as

GERALD RATNER stepped ment was welcomed by Ratdown yesterday as chairman of the jewellery group which bears his name. He has been replaced by James McAdam, former deputy chairman of Coats Viyella, the textile group. Mr Ratner is to stay on as chief executive.

Mr McAdam, aged 61, has the task of turning around the business, which has 30 per cent of the British jewellery market and 6 per cent of the American market. The group disclosed that it would make a loss of £72 million in the current financial year. It made pre-tax profits of £112 million last year.

group's chief executive

ners' main bankers yesterday. The group is expected to try to loans, but the new chairman is optimistic that refinancing

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will not be needed. Ratners shareholders have seen the value of their shares plummet from 189p in April last year to 21p yesterday. They will receive no final dividend this year.

The group has cut the workforce by 10 per cent to 20,000 in the past year, but further redundancies are likely. Store closures and asset sales are also being explored.

Mr McAdam's appoint- Details, photograph, page 17

Alzheimer team may be saved

By JEREMY LAURANCE AN OFFER by a mystery

benefactor may prevent the break-up of Britain's leading research team investigating the causes of Alzheimer's disease. The team, based at St

Mary's Hospital Medical School in Paddington, west London, was first in the world to identify a genetic cause of Alzheimer's disease. But the team seemed certain to be disbanded after three of its four leading members were offered jobs in the United Continued on page 16. col 4

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LIMITED SEASON TO WEEKS ONLY

Bare-legged Algerian runs into trouble

From JOHN PHILLIPS

HASSIBA Boulmerka, the world 1500 metres champion, has been denounced by Muslim fundamentalists in her native Algeria "for running with naked

legs in front of thousands of men". The attack by leaders of the Islamic Salvation Front - Algeria's Muslim fundamentalist movement, which is poised to take control of parliament in the second round of elections next week - is bound to deepen the misgivings of those Algerians who fear the rise of a

hardline Islamic state. The front won a landslide victory in the first round of the elections on Boxing day.
The plight of Boulmerka, aged 23, has also underlined the fears of hundreds of thousands of Algerian women who have grown accustomed to western styles of dress and living since since Algeria won

independence from France in 1962. On

Thursday several thousand of them women demonstrated in Algiers against the fundamentalists who preach that women should be veiled from head to toe, with only face and hands visible.

Boulmerka yesterday denied reports that she planned to move to Italy rather than be banned from running with bare legs if the front won Thursday's poll. Like 25 million other Algerians. I have no other country," she told the official Algerian Press Service. "I will continue to stay in Algeria, no matter who the

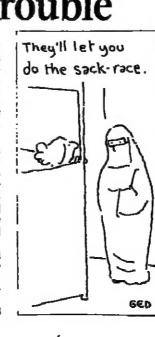
A relative in her home in the central city of Constantine last night said however that the champion might travel abroad before Algeria's first multi-party parliamentary elections. "She may go to Italy this week." said the relative in a telephone interview, asking not to be

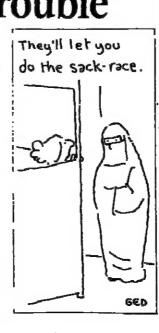
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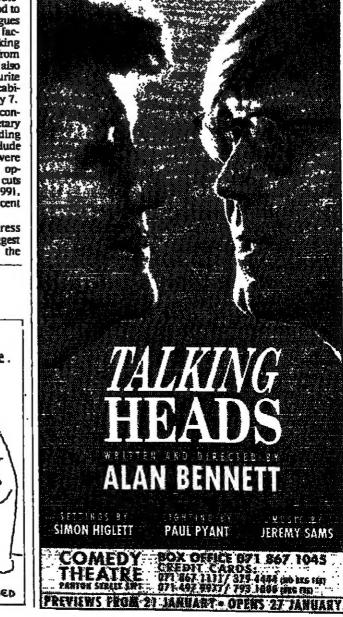
French fashions queued at voting stations alongside women in chadors, even in the fundamentalists' Algiers stronghold, the teeming suburb of Bab El Oued. Women are an unknown factor in the crucial second round of the election. and comprise slightly more than half of the electorate of some 13 million

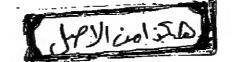
One student who returned to Algiers from university in Paris to vote against the fundamentalists said that her mother. an education officer, was one of only two women among 13 in her office who did not wear a veil. Three years ago all wore western clothes. "They asked my mother 'Don't you think you are too old to show your legs?." she said:

Boulmerka became the first Algerian woman to capture a world title when she won the 1500 metres at the world athletics championships in Tokyo last sum-Continued on page 16. col 8









Two telephone warnings, a brown briefcase explodes and London is halted



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After the blast a cloud of dust rises from between cars parked in the cordoned-off Whitehall Place yesterday, quickly bringing much of central London to a standstill for hours

Bombing highlights IRA's guessing-game strategy

By RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE audacity of yesterday's bomb attack in Whitehall has highlighted the difficulties facing the police in their efforts to counter the IRA. By returning to the scene of last year's mortar attack on 10 Downing Street, the IRA's planners will have intended to provoke criticism of security arrangements at the heart of government and win worldwide publicity for their activities.

Anti-terrorist squad officers will want to establish whether IRA activists drove to the parking bay with the device and left it near one of the other parked vehicles, or whether they walked to the area before telephoning a warning to Channel 4 news

After the attack 11 months ago on Downing Street, additional police patrols were introduced at Westminster and along Whitehall, together strictions. Some of those re- Albans, Hertfordshire, min- concerned. We are not seeing

TACTICS strictions have been lifted, but last night Scotland Yard refused to discuss what parking curbs were operational in the area where the bomb

exploded

The IRA's strategy of con-stantly changing tactics is designed to wrong-foot the security forces and allow activists and sympathisers to avoid capture. The strategy was outlined last year when a member of the IRA said: You change your tactics to keep them guessing. It all depends on logistics. If you stick to one tactic, you can become predictable and be tracked down. They can find out when you work to a pattern.'

Last year's mortar attack on 10 Downing Street was followed days later by blasts at London mainline railway stations, killing one person and injuring 38, and by a bomb which blew out a secutes before a crowded InterCity train was due to eass. The central element of the IRA's mainland campaign last year involved the planting of incendiary devices, which can cause maximum disruption with minimum risk to their activists. The campaign also combined attacks on political and mili-

tary targets and on London's

vulnerable rail network. The pattern of recent attacks suggests bombers travelling widely to targets, after being recruited from sympathisers induced to act because there is little risk of

Although no one has been

arrested for the recent attacks, Commander George Churchill-Coleman, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad, insists that the fight against the IRA is being won. Let us put it into perspective," he said yesterday. "What they are trying to do is to run a more effective campaign. We are stopping that.

tinuing change of tactics."

Ivor Stanbrook, chairman of the Tory backbench Northern Ireland committee, last night demanded tougher measures to protect White-hall. "This outrage shows that the IRA can operate in London with impunity and that the government's response to terrorism is quite nadequate," he said.

"If the IRA can get another bomb into Whitehall only months after firing a mortar shell into 10 Downing Street, then the so-called review of security which followed the last incident is a mockery. The government must wake up to the fact that the manpower and resources devoted to fighting the IRA are quite

inadequate. Even so, every detective rec-ognises that, in an open and free society, it is impossible to provide total security. The bomber and sniper always have the advantage.

Mortar expert strikes again

BY EDWARD GORMAN IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE IRA's bombing in Whitehall yesterday, its sec-ond in less than 12 months, may have been the work of the same man who coordinated the mortar attack on Downing Street last February.

Senior Irish anti-terrorist detectives expressed concern recently that the man, aged 34 from Co Waterford in southeast Ireland, may have been planning a second attack on what they described as a similar target.

The man, who has not been named because he has no terrorist convictions, was described in a report in Dublin earlier this week as a technician and a member of the IRA's "engineering unit"

He has had addresses in the Ballyfermot and South Circular Road areas of Dublin but has been on the run since last summer after being found with a car load of mortars by police in the Irish

The man ran off when police approached. The mortars were found to be of a similar design to those de-ployed by the IRA in the Downing Street attack.

Other members of the active service unit thought to be behind recent IRA attacks in Britain who could have been involved yesterday include Pearse McAuley, aged 27, from Strabane, Nessan Quinlivan, aged 28 from Limerick, who escaped from Brixton prison, allegedly with the help of Staffordshire special branch officers, last July.

A fourth member of the group is John Conaty, aged 30, from Dublin, who was first named by police after he was linked by forensic evi-dence to an IRA bomb factory discovered in a flat in Clapham, south London, in December 1988.

Detectives in London and Dublin believe the unit in Britain also involves other known individuals together with some who may have no criminal history. Senior detectives are of the opinion that the IRA may be sending its members to Britain for short periods and that some may even have returned after spending time back in Ireland in between operations.

The IRA campaign in Britain is designed primarily to generate exaggerated publici-ty. A bomb the size of that deployed in Whitehall yesterday would barely merit a mention on national news bulletins if it had been planted in Northern Ireland.



right, talks with ambulance and police officers

Doorman saw car parked at scene

By Louise Hidalgo and Peter Victor

A HOTEL doorman may hold the key to the identity of the IRA bombers who planted the Whitehall bomb. Mahmoud Ebrahim, of the Horse Guards Hotel, Whitehall Court, has told anti-terrorist officers that he saw a red G-registration Volvo at the scene shortly before the

bomb went off. The bomb was planted in a briefcase in an empty car park. Mr Ebrahim said that he saw the Volvo parked there half an hour earlier. Police believe it may have been used by the bombers:

Mr Ebrahim had a lucky escape when shrapnel punctured his top hat. James Kennedy, a door-



Gromyko: visitor from

man at the nearby National

Liberal Club, said: "There was a terrific explosion and a

The windows on the first floor of the club were blown in, and the ground-floor windows were cracked by the blast. Graham Snell, secretary of the club, said: "We were given about 20 minutes' warning. This area has a heavy concentration of government buildings, so we have set procedures. The elevators were cleared."

Igor Gromyko, aged 37, grandson of the former Soviet foreign minister, Andrei Gromyko, witnessed the blast as he returned to the Horseguards Thistle Hotel from jogging. "I heard this very loud explosion," Mr Gromy-ko, a freelance journalist from Moscow, said. "I was about 80 metres away and there was a lot of dust and a lot of smoke. I have never seen anything like that before and I hope it's the first and last

Peter Frost, aged 37, a builder whom police ordered off scaffolding at Whitehall Court in the alert, heard the explosion, and said: "It was

Evidence grows for tobacco ads ban

By JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE first convincing evidence that a total ban on tobacco advertising could cut smoking has been accepted by health department officiais and is to be presented soon

The department confirmed yesterday that an internal report by Clive Smes, chief economic adviser, has concluded that advertising bans in New Zealand, Norway and Canada have been effective in reducing smoking. Previously, ministers have rejected calls for a ban in Britain saying in would not work.

The strongest evidence has come from New Zealand where all tobacco advertising was banned from December. 1990. Sales, which had been falling slowly, moved sharply down in the first six months. The proportion of adults smoking also fell, from 27.5 to 25.1 per cent, after rising the year before following a 14 per cent increase in advertis-ing. The New Zealand health department said the increase in smoking was "undoubtedly" caused by increased

advertising.

David Pollock, director of Action on Smoking and Health, said that the report reflected a change of heart. 'It is very significant. Ministers have always said they are not convinced by the evidence. The implication all along has been that if they were, they would support a

Dogs put on a big show

Dogs outnumbered humans on the first day of Crufts yesterday — 11,000 visitors versus 19,000 canines — but the Kennel Club predicts a big upturn today and tomorrow. Last year's centenary

Video enquiry

Israeli police began an investigation yesterday into how a video tape of pathologists conducting an autopsy of the late Robert Maxwell was copied and sold to Paris Match. the French news magazine. The tape allegedly shows that doctors noted an enormous quantity of blood and several abrasions on the body. Police will begin questioning staff at Jerusalem's Abu Kabir institute of forensic medicine on

billion trade gap in food and drink by three lifths by producing more of the imported food itself, a conference was told yesterday. Sir Alistair Safeway supermarket chain, which organised the meeting. afterwards announced the setting up of a council to promote home-produced food sales.

House price fall

period in 1990, the Halifax Building Society reported. The only rises were recorded in the North of England. Northern Ireland and Scotiand. Prices in the South-East of England fell by 7.5 per cent and in Greater London by 7.5 per cent. A slight rise in prices nationally is expected

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Area is sealed for five hours

By PETER VICTOR

TRAFFIC in Parliament Square came to a standstill as police closed most of the roads around Whitehall after yesterday morning's bomb blast. Whitehall was sealed off minutes after a bomb warning was telephoned to the London office of CBS television at 8.38. Rush-hour traffic was redirected and the area remained cordoned off for five hours after the

Whitehall Place was closed at 8.50. At 9.07 Whitehall was closed off between Trafalgar Square and ParliaDISPUPTION

ment Square. Five minutes later Victoria Embankment was closed between Bridge Street and Northumberland Avenue, which was also closed. At 9.42 The Mall was shut from the Queen Victoria memorial. Birdcage Walk

"By 10.20 there was heavy congestion throughout the whole area," a spokesman for AA Roadwatch said. "Because of the road closures, diversionary routes were also very congested." The AA said that the area

was severely congested from the time the police requested that it broadcast the road closures until an hour after Whitehall was reopened. Although the Embank-

ment was reopened just before Ipm, Northumberland Avenue remained closed and Trafalgar Square was still badly congested in the afternoon. Whitehall Place was still closed at 3pm yesterday.

Scotland Yard said: "The disruption extended to between half and three quarters of a mile around the area but the congestion was not as serious as it might have

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House prices in the last three months of 1991 fell 3.5 per cent compared with the same

pool after experiment to hold breath

A PSYCHOTHERAPIST was found naked and lifeless at the bottom of a swimming pool after experimenting to see how long he could hold his breath under water while on a course designed to increase self-awareness, an inquest was told yesterday,

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grow,

John Michael Penney. aged 34, had earlier been sitting in a Jacuzzi wearing a snorkel and trying to discover for how long he could hold his breath. He then went to the pool and began to swim slowly, the inquest was

Brian Hall-Tomkin, coroner for north and west Devon. recorded a verdict of accidenual death, but declined to comment on suggestions by Mr Penney's sister that he would have survived had a lifeguard been present. Mr

£300,000 bagged at airport

BY DAVID YOUNG

A SERIES of crimes in which a man stole goods and cash worth £300,000 from higgage at Heathrow Airport in 12 months ended when a police officer saw a man he knew to be penniless pushing a trolley laden with expensive

bags and suitcases. Geoffrey Senior, aged 21, who for a year posed as a passenger to take luggage from domestic flights as it was unloaded onto a baggage carousel, sold the proceeds for £150.000. Isleworth crown court, west London, was told vesterday. In one suitcase alone, Senior, who was homeless, found £7,000 in cash. He spent the money on food, clothing and holes.

Senior, who pleaded guilty

to eight specimen counts of theft between September 1990 and September last year, was remanded in custody for background reports, pending sentencing. He faces a prison sentence.

Michael Orsulik, for the prosecution, said: "His system was to travel to the airport by Tube, smartly to iermina One and watch the domestic flight baggage-carousel from an upstairs balcony.

"If there was baggage going round on it and not many people about, he would go down and help himself to items of luggage which took

Weekend of note for collectors

MORE than 100 million Mozambique escudos will flood the money market this weekend without causing the slightest blip on the screens of London's foreign exchange dealers. The 100 escudo notes

will appear in the 1.4 million copies of The Sunday Times Magazine followed by a 25 gulden banknote from Surinam in every copy of *The Times* on Monday morning in a promotional offer which will introduce to many the hobby of banknote collecting.

The notes will mark the launch of the Sunday Times International Currency Collection. They can be mounted in a special album which will be given away in The Sunday Times Magazine on Sunday, January 26. Details of how to obtain a presentation wallet of further notes for the collection will be published the following week.

Before that, two more notes will be given away: a Peruvian 1,000 intis note in The Sunday Times Magazine on Sunday. January 19 and, the following Monday, a Brazilian 1,000 cruzeiro note in The

Colin Narbeth, president of the International Banknote Society and author of How to Collect Paper Money, said: "The history of money is virtually the history of civilization and, since 95 per cent of all money today is made of paper, there is a growing interest in notes with their beautiful designs created by a handful of the world's

Penney, of Hampstead, north transformational training group leadership course run by an American, Eric Lee Preisler, at Grimstone Manor, near Horrabridge, west

Devon, last month.

Victoria Cotton, aged 27, a film producer, who was on the course, told the inquest, at Northam, Devon, that a group had gone for an early morning swim and Jacuzzi in the nucle. "Although we had no costumes on, there was an agreement between us that there should be no relation-ships and therefore nudity was not important," she

She had seen Mr Penney swimming breast stroke. Then, I went out of the Jacuzzi and saw him lying on the bottom of the pool, quite still," she said. "Someone jumped in and pulled him to the surface. We laid him on his back and he wasn't breathing. We tried to revive him, without success."

Another of the group, An-thony Coulson, aged 36, said in a statement that he had been in the Jacozzi as Mr Penney experimented with a snorkel and holding his breath. "He was holding his breath under water for quite a long time and trying to use the snorkel. Mr Coulson

"He said he was doing this to try to find out how little he could breath using the snor-kel. Then, he went into the swimming pool and lay on his back. Then, he was doing a very slow crawl, and I thought he was still experimenting with holding his breath.

Katherine Penney, Mr Penney's sister, asked about pool safety. "If someone was there who knew what they were doing, he would not have been dead inday," she

mariner in Grimstone Manor, which is let to a variety of courses, mainly New Age therapies and personal development groups, said that there were no lifeguards, but a nurse was on the premises and she had tried to revive Mr Penney. PC Keith James, coroner's

officer said that a postmortem examination showed Mr Penney had was not clear.

Man died in Falkland Islands raise a sober glass to Thatcher Day



Falklands factor: Mrs Thatcher in her office yesterday, beside a picture from the 1982 conflict

in London and, less noticeably, in the Falklands, was also taken as the occasion to announce officially that the former prime minister will be revisiting the islands in June for four days of celebrations, ten years after they were liberated from Argentinian occupation.

MARGARET Thatcher got

quet and a few friends in the

Falkland Islands raised a

glass in celebration. The first Margaret Thatcher

Day, celebrated yesterday

a red, white and blue bou-

Mrs Thatcher, accompanied by her husband Denis. received the bouquet from representatives of the Falkland Islands government at the Thatcher Foundation offices in Chelsea, west London.

She told photographers that she was looking for-ward to her return to the islands. "It is a great honour to have been invited. We are both thoroughly looking forward going." Mrs Thatcher said that

she was flattered by the Falklands government's de-cision to name yesterday Margaret Thatcher Day. The date was chosen as the ninth anniversary of the day that she was awarded the freedom of the islands. Sukey Cameron, the Falkands government representative in London, said: "We wanted to put the day on calendars so children born after 1992 will remember

Pictures of the Falklands campaign still have pride of place on the walls of Mrs Thatcher's suite, prominent among them a picture in her personal office of the Marines landing at San

Carlos Bay. She said yesterday that the Falklands campaign would always live with ber as the most traumatic per-

iod of her premiership, add-

ing: "Every loss of life was a

in the Falkiands, however, the man who claimed to have originated the idea for Margaret Thatcher Day accused the islands' government of having ensured it would be a non-event. "Not only have they not declared January 10 a public holi-day," Harold Rowlands, a member of the islands' ex-ecutive council, said, "but they are not holding a pub-lic recention either"

lic reception either". Mr Rowlands, who gave Mrs Thatcher a kiss when she received the freedom of the islands on January 10. 1983, said that he would be taking a holiday and invita drink to celebrate Thatcher Day", but added that he thought it would otherwise be unmarked in the islands.

Mrs Thatcher remains though. A peninsula in South Georgia was named after her in 1990 and a street in Port Stanley has

Stunt club man jailed for fraud

THE founder of the Dangerous Sports Club was jailed for nine months yesterday for a series of frauds. David Kirke. aged 46, of Earl's Court, west London, spent almost £60,000 in five months on air travel, hotels and champagne: Isleworth crown court was told.

Jeremy Benson, for the prosecution, told an earlier bearing that £12,500 was obtained dishonestly and the rest came from the bank ac-count of the Dangerous Sports Club, which was left with a E35,000 overdraft.

Kirke pleaded guilty in December to four charges of obtaining property and services by deception and one of evading a liability by decep-tion. He asked for 52 similar offences to be taken into consideration. Isobella Forshaw, for the

defence, said yesterday that, when the offences were committed, Kirke was suffering from hypomania which redrowned, but the reason for it suited in a "lack of financial realism".

Lamont drafts budget with eye on ballot THE imminence of the election rather than long-term Election strategy, rather than economic economic analysis will dominate Norman Lamoni's annual pre-budget weekend summit at Chevening, the

Inigo Jones Georgian mansion near Sevenoaks in Kent. The Chancellor of the Exchequer's budget speech, probably on Tuesday March 3 or 10, is certain to be as much a signpost to the Conservative manifesto and to post-election action as an announcement of immediate tax changes. The budget could be only a month before polling day and will, at maximum, be three months before parlia-ment has to be dissolved. election.

That does not make Mr Lamont's task any easier. It is unlikely to be a cheerful couple of days at Chevening. The prime minister may rail against "dismal Jimmics" piling on the agony, but the still mired in recession and fears that 1992 will bring a further wave of company failures, job losses and home

The Chevening meeting in the past marked by charades and snooker - is at-

challenge, will dominate Mr Lamont's prebudget talks this weekend. Nicholas Wood previews the Chevening summit resumption of sustained

and senior officials such as Sir Terence Burns, permanent secretary, and Professor Alan Budd, his chief economic adviser. They are considering an updated assessment by Treasury economists that, on present trends, overall growth may be little more than I per cent this year and, crucially, that most will be after the

There is little that Mr Lamont can do to change the short-term position. His challenge is to dispel gloom ahead of the election and to present measures to support a

growth without jeopardising the inflation gains of the past 18 months, frightening the markets and putting interest rates and sterling under renewed pressure. Mr Lamont does not want to go down as the recession Chancellor who lost the Tories the election. History, and Tory MPs, may be kinder to a steadfast figure who ignored calls for devaluation and steered his party towards election victory and solid, non-inflationary

Within the existing borrowing forecasts he may have to £2.5 billion cut in taxes. A penny off the basic rate of tax, costing £1.95 billion, is the favoured option, not least because Labour has promised to reverse such a cut if it wins the election.

The alternative, and politically less inflammatory, route is to raise personal allowances by more than the usual indexation in line with inflation. That would benefit lowincome groups the most and would be harder for Labour to attack. Personal allowances, now £3,295, are due to rise by about 4 per cent, last year's inflation rate, to £3,435, with parallel increases in other allowances. The cost of £1.06 billion in lost revenue is already assumed in the borrowing esti-

mates. Increasing the main

per cent would cost E2.05 billion, or slightly more than the cost of cutting the basic rate by one penny.

Mr Lamont may be reluctant to find money by raising indirect taxes by more than the inflation rate ahead of the election. The Tories have traditionally preferred reducing income tax to quick acting measures such as cuts in value-added tax favoured by some economists: each onepoint change in the rate costs £1.7 billion.

Mr Lamont will need both ingenuity and nerve if he is to deliver a budget which satisfies Tory MPs, financial markets and the country at large.

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Enquiry into patient's death

BY BILL FROST

AN enquiry has been launched imp the death of an elderly patient who fell off 2 trolley in a hospital emergency department where, it was disclosed yesterday, he had been left overnight because of

a bed shortage.

The disclosure prompted a senior member of the British Medical Association to criticise a recommendation made two days ago by the Audit Commission that the health service should close 27,000

BY ALISON ROBERTS

WINSTON Churchill's war-

time American chauffeur re-turned to London yesterday

for the first time in 50 years.

His trip to visit old haunts

coincides with the 50th anniversary of the arrival of Amer-

ican soldiers in England. As

he entered the Stafford Hotel

in St James's Place, his home

from early 1942 to late 1943, he said: "Never could abide

smoking myself, as soon as he

got in the car I was enveloped.

Mr Correll, who now works

in a broom factory in Ham-

burg, Pennsylvania, was a

member of the 121 Car Com-

pany. His part in second world war history may have

been small but it was

Mr Correll followed Chur-

chill to Casablanca in Janu-

ary 1943 and drove him to

the Hotel Anfa, where the

summit with Roosevelt took

place. Everything was ex-tremely secretive, officially I was driving Mr P to the hotel

to meet Admiral Q." he

While in London Mr

for back-seat banter, Patton's lot."

General Patton. Never one I bet that's changed a

Correll was also the driver for

in thick smoke."

invaluable.

medical beds - one third of the total and equivalent to 50 hospitals. The commission wanted increased efficiency in treatment times and a redirection of resources to com-

munity care. The accident is the latest of a series of incidents at King's College Hospital, south London, related to bed shortages. Last night John Chawner, chairman of the BMA's consultants committee, said: "If patients have to wait for a

Churchill: and his

famous cigar

military strictness was well

known and the atmosphere in

the Packard grew tense as

soon as he got in. Mr Correll said: "Unlike General Clark,

Patton was never a soldier's

man. It was straight there

The cars were used for less

official business, too. Mr

Correll said he would go for a drive with his English girl

friend "Jeanie something".

and, screwing up his face in

an effort to remember, he

added: "I think she lived in

Ruislip Manor. If the rest of

London is anything to go by.

and back every time."

Churchill's driver

visits old haunts

very long time because of a shortage of beds, it throws some doubt on the findings of the Auditor General, who told us we could get rid of 25 per cent of beds. If all these cases have happened because they were kept waiting, paying lip service to efficiency is not always the answer."

Mr Armfield, aged 75, of Nunhead, south London; hit his head after falling from the trolley at King's on December 17, within hours of having been admitted after suffering a stroke. Four days later he died from a brain haemorrhage.

David Bihari, a senior doctor at Guy's Hospital, central London, and director of the intensive care unit where Mr Armfield was treated after his fall from the trolley, criticised conditions at King's.

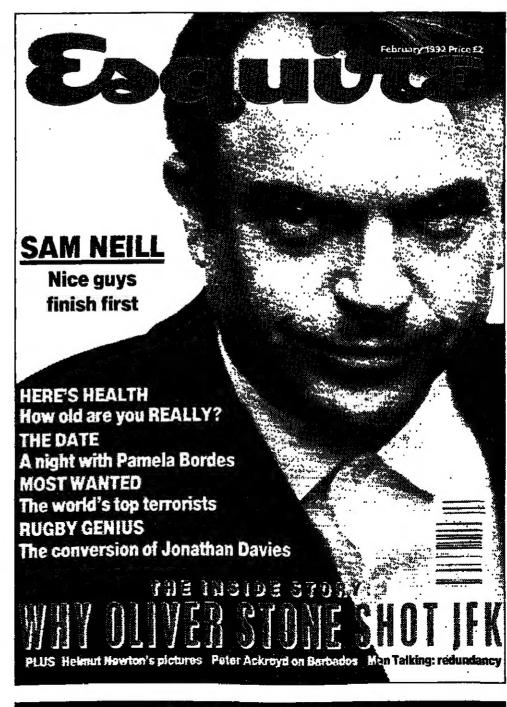
He said: "Either he collapsed at home and hit his head there and developed a brain haemorrhage, or it occurred as a result of falling off the trolley." He added: "It is scandalous that people fall off trolleys in the casualty

A spokesman for the hospital said: "We cannot have a nurse standing by every patient all the time. Mr Armfield was treated as an emergency and would have been given a bed as soon as one was available." The hospital said the results of an internal enquiry would not be made public until after the inquest on March 9.

Mr Armfield's son Paul, of Catford, south London, is considering suing the hospital. His father's death is the latest in a series of incidents resulting from bed shortages at King's. Last year it was claimed patients were kept on trolleys for an average of 20 hours in the emergency department because of bed closures. In 1990 the hospital lost 120 beds, including 18 on a casualty ward, in an attempt to clear debts.

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New age health service takes the pulse of public opinion

THEY are handing out tenners in Buxton and Chesterfield to per-suade people to help run the health service. In west Dorset, negotiations are under way between the health authority and a brewery to convert.a disused public house to get young drinkers off the streets. In Kidderminster, local firms are to be invited to pledge their support for a no-smoking campaign in return for back-up from the local health promotion unit.

It is all part of a new effort to give local people a voice in shaping the health service. Concern about the teenage pregnancy rate has led the

health authority in west Dorset to hours of family planning clinics to allow schoolgirls to get to them. The provision of wheelchairs in Parkside, west London, has been improved in response to local

Attitudes in the post-reform health service are changing fast. Authorities are switching focus from managing hospitals to serving populations. But to do that they have to discover what they need. Health authorities have always been required to consult the public, but most have regarded it

Health authorities are experimenting with new techniques to give people a greater say in the way they are cared for, Jeremy Laurance reports

as a chore. Now it is being seen as key element in deciding how health funds should be spent.

Experiments with a wide range of techniques to involve local people in health decisions are under way. A selection of 19 of the best, being run in 14 districts, is published today as Local Voices by the health department. In north Derbyshire, one of the most innovative districts, a market research company was hired to recruit passers-by to join "focus groups" in 90minute meetings to put views on the health service. They were paid £10 for their trouble. The authority hoped to discover more than it would at a the traditional public meeting - often poorly attended and dominated by pressure "One of the things we learnt was that people would be willing to travel at least as far as Birmingham. 70 miles away, to get quicker treatment," Andy Lazell, director of research, said.

A questionnaire on women's preferences in maternity care showed that their main concern was that births should not be speeded up for the convenience of the hospital

In west Dorset, "community facilitators" are being appointed in 11 areas to identify local concerns and let people know what the health service can provide. "We

found two issues particularly con-cerned people." Dr Frances Small, of the public health department. said. They were worried about young people drinking on the streets so instead of just preaching the dangers of drinking we are trying to do something practical, helping the community to turn a

disused pub into a drop-in centre. They were also worried about teenage pregnancies so we have set a target for reducing them. Speakers on family planning have been invited into local schools and we are looking at extending the opening hours of the clinics.

Patient given fatal drink of detergent

A woman aged 77 died in an old people's home after being given a glass of corrosive detergent instead of mineral water, an inquest was told

yesterday.

Marjorie Fitchett died after a cook at the Garden House residential home in Acocks Green, Birmingham, emptied the detergent from a drum into a mineral water bottle and tore its label off. The cook said that she intended to replace the label with a warning of the bottle's contents, but forgot.

Lawrence Budd, a care assistant, took the bottle and prepared Miss Fitchett's daily medication. She choked, and died later in hospital from bronchial pneumonia caused

by the chemical.

Richard Whittington, the coroner, recorded a verdict of death through lack of care. Once the bottle was left unlabelled, it was very likely that someone was going to come to some harm," he said.

Charity theft

Elizabeth Sokell, aged 30. of Tow Law, Co Durham, was put on probation for two years by Teesside crown court after admitting stealing £1.850 from a charity fund for her son Stuart, aged seven, a liver transplant

Open all hours

Frank Smith, aged 75, and his wife, Elsie, aged 73, who have run a grocery store in Bristol for 50 years without a day off, have been named Britain's hardest-working shopkeepers by the National Shopkeeper's Association.

Bed attack

Two masked men armed with a hammer and knife tied up a man and his wife in their bedroom in Billericay, Essex. before stealing their video recorder, television set and other electrical goods and driving off in their car.

Late pay

Arthur Tulk, a former Japanese prisoner-of-war, aged 72, of Alton Pancras, Dorset, has been awarded an army pension and £3,505 in back pay, 46 years after being told that he was not eligible.

Lizard in food

The food companies Nestle and General Mills were each fined £3,500 by Bristol mag-istrates after Michael Graham, of Stapleton, Bristol reported finding a dead lizard in his muesli.

Transfer call

throng with life, as the

visitors promenade and shop

'til late, plan a trip to the

theatre, a flutter at the

Casino, or a romantic meal

royally on holiday, head for

Malta, where the warmest

If you want to be treated

by the harbour.

Thieves stole an entire telephone booth in Hayle, Com-

Flu cases triple but GPs dismiss talk of an epidemic

BY THOMSON PRENTICE: MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

CASES of the in Britain were three times higher last week than in the final week of December but the spread of infection is still well below epidemic levels, the Royal College of General Practitioners said yesterday.

Figures compiled by the college from 69 practices in England and Wales suggest that most of Britain has escaped an epidemic on the scale seen recently in Ameri-ca, and which claimed President Bush among its victims. Experts believe, however,

that the risk of a big British epidemic could continue until March or April and recommend immunisation for those

Demand for the flu vaccine has increased slightly in re-sponse to advice from the health department, which ordered 4.5 million vaccine doses for this winter, a 25 per cent increase on last winter, but large amounts remain on

The college's figures show that the influenza rate for the week ending January 5 was 22 per 100,000 population, up from 7.5 the previous week, but not exceptional for this time of year. Cases of less serious flu-like illness, which

A MAN who killed his five-

ving her into the Thames was

jailed for nine years by the

Central Criminal Court

yesterday.
Leroy Wade, aged 28, of
Stoke Newington, northeast
London, snatched her from

her pram after beating her

mother unconscious during

an argument about access to the baby, the court was told.

Wade realised that the at-

tack had lost him the charice

of having custody of baby Cara, and he decided to drop

her 25ft into the Thames near

Tower Bridge, David Calvert-

Smith, for the prosecution, said. The child drowned.

Wade, a traince estate

agent with convictions for vio-

lent attacks on a former girl

friend, gave himself up. He

denied murdering Cara but

admitted manslaughter on the grounds of diminished

responsibility. He also admit-

ted causing grievous bodily

harm with intent to Marcia

is more like a heavy cold than influenza, rose from 54.1 to 90 per 100,000 during the

The college considers an epidemic has arrived when the flu rate reaches 100 cases per 100,000.

Douglas Fleming, director of the college's Birmingham research unit, which produced the statistics, said yesterday: "The combined rate for all respiratory disease was 1,202 :per 100,000 population: Thus 1.2 per cent of the population reported a respiratory illness to their doctor during that week, a similar rate to that reported one week



A computer simulation

Calvert-Smith said that when

Wade's relationship with Ms

After receiving a summons

for assault on Ms Lloyd's

sister. Wade wrote to Ms

Lloyd, making threats and

adding that he could not live

Lloyd complained to police. Wade was arrested and

charged with making threats

to kill. He was bailed in Janu-

ary last year but the Crown

prosecution service decided

not to proceed. Wade later

mer Ms Lloyd in the street.

He punched her unconscious

and kicked her, breaking

had put his daughter to sleep

Wade told police that he

bones in her face.

After another letter Ms

ters threatening to kill her.

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without Cara.

Father drowned

baby in Thames

before Christmas." Dr Fleming said that rates for all respiratory diseases were highest in the north of England, at about 1,400 per 100,000, compared with the Midlands and the South. with about 1,100. Trends

creased rates among adults rather than children, he said. During a typical British winter, between 2,500 and 8,000 flu-related deaths occur, mostly among the elderly, especially those in hospitals or nursing homes. During the winter of 1989/90, flu killed 26,000 people.

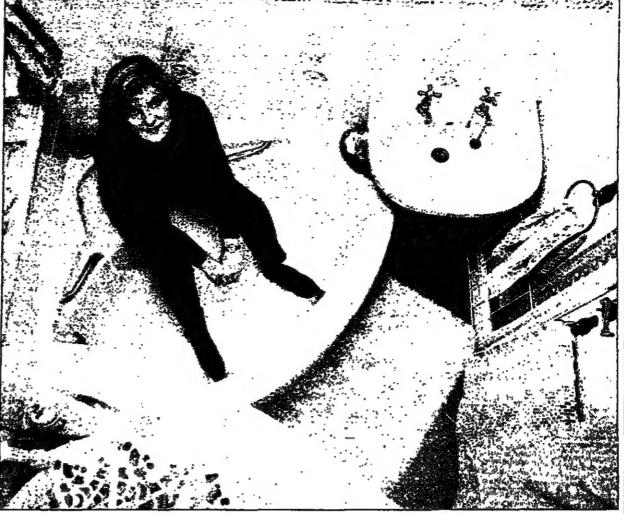
over recent weeks showed in-

strains of A-Beijing flu virus. outbreaks in at least 27 American states. According to the World Health Organisation in Geneva yesterday, infection on a similar scale to that in Britain is taking place in France, Belgium and The Netherlands, but epidemics are not expected.

Vaccines are between 70 and 80 per cent effective in the most vulnerable groups, including those aged over 65 and patients with chronic respiratory and cardiovascular diseases or diabetes. Recent tests at the London Hospital Medical College, reported in The Lancet today, show that the vaccines are as effective against the related viral

strains seen in America. The Influenza Monitoring and Information Bureau, funded by the vaccine makers, believes that the college figures under-estimate the true number of cases because many people with flu do not contact their GP.

Richard Kenyor man for the bureau, said yesterday that numbers were still average for the time of year. 'I would agree that we are not looking at anything ap-proaching epidemic level."



Boxed in: Jennie Eaves in her 9ft by 8ft bathroom, with spiral staircase linking it to the other rooms

£66,000 for multi-storey broom closet

By Rachel Kelly, property correspondent

FOR those in search of a deluxe broom cupboard, £66.000 can now buy no fewer than three cupboards stacked one on top of the other, linked by a spiral

Inside one of the three boxes, all roughly 9ft by 8ft, can be found Jennie Eaves; and from a bottle saying 'Drink me'. Nor, at 5ft 7in, is she even particularly small. "You do have to be very tidy though." Ms Eaves, who works for the Meat and Livestock Commission, says. . er with no furniture: most of And no expansive gestures: you might bring down the stoon blinds.

She bought her cupboards in Notting Hill Gate, west London, three years ago, for £58,000. "I wanted to live in central London rather than commute," she says. The flat Eighties from a box room and two bathrooms. But a new job in Milton Keynes means that she is now selling the flat. It would be perfect, she says, for a first-time buyher fittings are built in to save space.

"I'll inevitably move to something a bit bigger, but I shall probably live in just a corner of it," she says. "I find I tend to that in hotel rooms She has grown accustomed

which feels like a ship's cab-in, and to a life of fold-away tables, miniature fridges and televisions. There is, however, room for her only outsized extravangance: a jumbo pot

of Marmite. Her guests (she can seat four at a time) seem to enjoy the ritual of sitting down in a carefully orches-trated sequence. She does not mind about the lack of central heating (there is no spare wall space) and she has become adept at negotiating the 3ft-wide spiral

There are bonuses too: cleaning is a quick flick of the duster, and there is little need for a vacuum cleaner when the carpet is the size of a pocket handkerchief.

In Malta, you can eat

out with Queen Victoria.

Parties clash on steel closure

By KERRY GILL

THE dispute over the closure of the Ravenscraig steel plant rumbled on yesterday with the Labour party and the Scottish National Party accusing each other of making political capital out of the end of steel production in Scotland.

because "the world is too The nationalists said Labwicked for my Cara". Patrick O'Connor, for the defence, our had given up the fight to save the works said that Wade had believed John Reid, Labour MP for God had taken Cara to heaven and that he bore no-Motherwell North, said that responsibility for what the attack was the "most disreputable and disgusting one

I have witnessed for many years". Dr Reid, speaking before a nationalists' press conference which called on the 1,200 employees to fight the closure, said: "It is a chean attempt to gain self-publicity by denigrating men and women who have not only given their lives to the steel industry but have fought for

workforce in Britain to retain the Scottish steel industry." Iain Lawson, the SNP's steel spokesman, said that

longer than any other

Labour was "the establishment" in Scotland, having 48 of the 72 Scottish MPs. yet had done nothing to fight for

the plant's future. Jim Sillars, SNP MP for Glasgow Govan, said: "The message the SNP brings to the people of Lanarkshire is 'fight'. Do not accept that there is no steel future for this country. Do not accept a future of empty promises while the dole queues lengthen and social misery

er will also complement, and

eventually replace, the Torna-

The RAF's confidence that

EFA will survive the ending of

the cold war has been boosted

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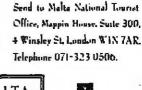
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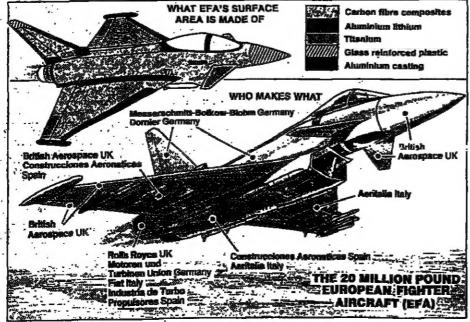
Jet fighter without a niche to go ahead

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE £20 billion four-nation European Fighter Aircraft programme seems guaranteed to move into full production, in spite of the vanished Soviet threat and increasing pressure on Britain's defence budget. The RAF's requirement, drawn up during the cold war, is for 250 EFAs. costing at least £7 billion. As one of the biggest de-

fence projects, along with the Royal Navy's £10 billion Trident programme, EFA is likely to come under growing scrutiny. The first development aircraft will begin flight trials this summer and by the end of the year the four partners - Britain, Germany, Italy and Spain - are due to begin production. British officials, despite

earlier concerns, are now convinced that the Germans will go ahead with production, which, according to British Aerospace, one of the main companies involved, will help to keep down the cost of each aircraft to £20 million, which the aircraft's fuselage role Britain, on the other



is 80 per cent of the cost of the and wings will be made of Tornado F3, which the EFA will eventually replace. The cost has been kept down partly through the extensive use of carbon fibre materials and plastic. Only 15 per cent of not have an air-to-surface

Germany is anxious not to be seen to be developing an aircraft with offensive poten-

hand, wants a multi-role fighter capable of air defence and ground attack. EFA will be assuming the roles presently carried out by Jaguars tial, so its version of EFA will and Phantoms, Phantoms are being phased out over the next two years. The new fight-

new fighter by the Labour party in Britain and by the opposition SPD in Germany. A defence source claimed that if the programme were cancelled, the military aircraft industry "would decline to

such an extent that Europe wouldn't be able to develop combat aircraft and we will have to rely on other people". Alternatives to EFA - including the American F18. FISE and F22, now under development - have already been discounted. None was considered adequate for meeting the projected threats that the United Kingdom

might face beyond the turn of the century. A senior RAF source said there was no longer a specific threat but EFA would be able to deal with any aggressor. "It's a very uncertain future and we must maintain the capability to meet any threat." he said.

Black student finds a fairy godmother

A TEACHER from Britain who fled Nazi Germany in the 1930s has promised to pay the university tuition fees of a black South African student whose ambition is to be a

Jacob Nhlapo, aged 18. from Soweto, outside Johannesburg, achieved matriculation results that placed him among the country's top 20 black students, gaining a distinction in English.

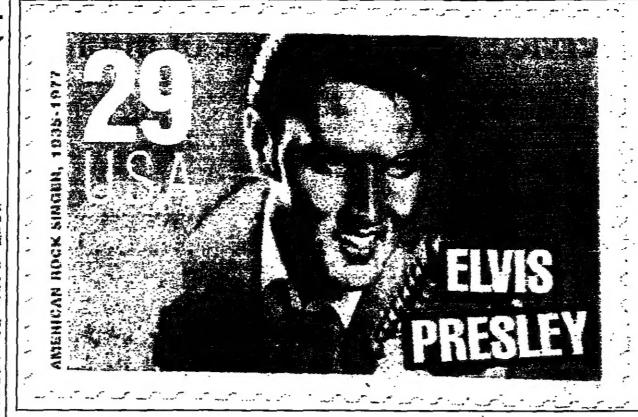
Jacob had not expected to receive a bursary. "The future does not hold anything for me academically." he said. "All I have to do is try to survive. I will celebrate the day that I put down my bags in a university cormitory and have a student card and a letter saying that my fees have been

Enter Marjorie Pethick, an widow, aged 87, who lives in Parktown North, a prosperous Johannesburg suburb. Without even meeting the boy, she said she would pay his university tuition fees: "My daughters say I'm mad. They said to me: 'Do you know how long a medical course lasts? It's at least six years.' But this country needs bright young people like him. I hope I'll be around in six years' time when he does qualify and I hope other people will come forward and pay for his accommodation and other expenses." Yesterday Jacob visited the black Medical University of South Africa near Pretoria, hoping to win a place and unaware of

Mrs Pethick, who comes from Tunbridge Wells, taught in Germany in the 1930s but fled the country after Hitler came to power. "He and I didn't get on," was all she would say yesterday

More than 2,000 black pupils have this week been turned away from white schools in Johannesburg which had opted to go multiracial after votes by white Margaret Greve, head of Orange Grove primary school said: "We have had desperate parents coming in all week but we have just had to say sorry. We simply have no room." She added: "We are trying to reconsider cases where a brother, for example was admitted and a sister left

The National Education Co-ordinating Committee a mainly black organisation. has urged the government to teacher bodies to decide whether a school should admit blacks, and open them to all punils irrespective of colour. It wants white schools that have been closed for lack of pupils to be reopened.



Rocking around the world: one of several renderings of the Elvis Presley postage stamp with which the US postal service is planning to depict the king of rock and roll in a series honouring American music. Two portraits will be chosen and fans will be able to vote by mail for the one they want used

Strawberries are cream of Arab progress

BY MATTHEW D'ANCONA

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WIMBLEDON and the strawberry season may seem an age away, but strawberry lovers need not wait to buy a punnet of their favourite fruit. Thanks to a remarkable greening programme in parts of the United Arab Emirates, they can now buy strawberries grown on land reclaimed from the desert.

Arabian strawberries picked at this time of year, when temperatures in the emirates hover around 70 degrees celsius, have been available in limited sup-ply in Britain for a few years, but will soon be imported in greater quantities which says that a substantial consignment will arrive in the next fortnight.

People are waking up to the fact that, as the strawberry season ends in Europe, it begins in the UAE, and grow ers here are expanding their market to take advantage of that," Ram Menen, general manager of Emirates Sky Car-go, said. A willing market is likely to be found in Britain, whose strawberry business is already worth about £70

The journey of the strawberry from the deserts of the Gulf to the tea-rooms of Britain is as remarkable as the jour-

ney of the UAE from desert to blooming garden. A programme overseen by Sheikh Zayed ibn Sultan al-Nahayan, the president, has transformed the landscape and ecology in less than 20 years and has made possible the cultivation of crops such as mangoes, grape-

fruit. oranges, lemons and strawberries. About 70 million trees are thought to have been planted as part of the campaign. With the building of desalination plants, the area of irrigated land in the UAE has grown from 18,000 hectares in 1978 to 280,000 hectares today, and ricultural production has risen nearly five-fold over the past decade.

Health-care wife for Goldwater, aged 83

utive on February 9, his office into towns. aged 83. Wechsler, aged 51, a divorced mother of four, is branch manager for Kimberly Quality Care in

Following his World Cup soccer triumph, Luciano Pavarotti, the Italian tenor, is mpaigning to raise funds to Pavarotti, who reached No 1 in the British charts with the 1990 World Cup soccer theme tune Nessun Dorma, is releasing O Sole Mio. Profits will go to English soccer's campaign against the disease and to Action and Research for Multiple Scierosis.

Poland's President Lech Walesa has given a new Fist car to a nun whose driving helped him to keep secret appointments during martial law. Sister Pauline, now Mother Superior of the Order of Our Lady of Charity, "showed great reflexes and daredevil skills" to shake of

the secret police, a statement

from his office said.

The Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber has donated part of his 4,000-acre country estate near Watership Down to the local council to help put new

Former Senator Barry Gold- homes at Ecchinswell, near water, a widower for six years, Newbury, Berkshire, to enwill marry Susan Schaffer courage young local couples Wechsler, a health-care exec-

> The Australian soap star Jes sica Muschamp, who plays braved the freezing waters of the North Sea to launch Saltburn beach. Jessica, who is playing Cinderella in panto at Billingham Forum, said: "It's a lovely sandy beath, just like back home, but it's a bit



ity among the rich and famous, is to marry Dr Jonathan ker, a Maryland allergy and immunology specialist in the spring. Ms Kelky, who alleged in Nancy Reagan: the Unauthorized Biography that the former first lady had an affair with Frank Sa at the White House, said she met her fiance at a dinne party about a year ago.

Code to control phone sex lines

By DAVID YOUNG

TELEPHONE subscribers will be able to block access to "adult entertainment" lines from next month, under rules announced yesterday. Other premium-rate telephone services, which can cost 48p a minute, are to be controlled more tightly to try to stop callers being tricked into running up large bills.

The rules state that the full cost of calls to advertisers

Subscribers on digital exchanges will be able to ban access to adult entertainment lines, free of charge, by asking their local exchange to key in the appropriate codes for their number to the exchange computer. The request should be confirmed in writing.

The regulations will come into force on February 1 and are part of a tougher code of practice from the Independent Committee for the Supervision of Telephone Information Services. Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, its chairman, said: "The vast majority of premium services provide the public with useful information and a good choice of

WITH nuclear war a fading

prospect, Peking's planners

have found a new use for their

underground defence net-

work - one of the wonders of

the atomic age. Hotels,

karaoke sing a long bars, ta-

ble-tennis halls and body-

building centres are mush-

rooming under the sidewalks of China's capital.

Dug largely by hand in the late 1960s and early 1970s

on the orders of Mao Tse-

tung, the maze beneath the

city was designed to evacuate

the city centre in case of bomb

attack. Civil defence authori-

ties don't want to discuss the network in detail since its

Peking sing along in

Mao's bomb shelters

FROM REUTER IN PEKING:

entertainment. There are however, a small minority of services which are clearly unacceptable. The new measures will enable the committee to deal effectively with these services and with those who promote and provide them.

Tougher penalties will also come into force under the code, with the committee taking action to block access to

□ No personal contact details are to be given out on telephone dating services; Services raising funds for charity will have to state the contribution being made

when a caller rings the premium-rate number; and D Services aimed at the young will be restricted to a maximum of seven-and-ahalf minutes.

The committee said that those not on digital ex-changes could still prevent their telephones being used for adult entertainment calls by using a simple locking device available in most hard-

most major new buildings in

Peking include underground

officials hope the tunnels,

an off-beat tourist attraction

for almost a decade, will be a

All sorts of leisure activities

have started up over the past

several years because people

have more money," said Song Zhensu, a spokesman for the

city's Xuanwu district.
Other Chinese cities are also rapidly transforming

their bomb shelters into busi-

ness ventures. Shanghai has

150,000 people working un-derground. But no city has

gone deeper than Peking in

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Chainsaw team hunt Pole tent

Oslo: Scientists with tent Roald Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer, left at the South Pole in 19ti as proof he was first to reach Robert Falcon Scott was the last person to see the tent. five weeks after Amundsen's

Kristensen, who is leading 22 researchers on a climate study, believes that the tent is under 50st of snow and can be found by radar and dug up with chainsaws. (Reuter)

Rest arrest

Jakarta: An Indonesian caught after he fell asleep while committing a burglary at a shop has been jailed for a year. Tatang, aged 25, was found the next morning by the shop owner. (Reuter)

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Swing time

Epping: A civil servant who was left stripped and trapped had to be cut free by firemen has been sent a £60 bill for a

Altered states

Montreal: One in three Cada will become part of the United States within 50 years, and two-thirds say their neighbour already ex-ests too much influence on them, according to a new poll (Reuter)

Pelican scare

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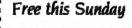
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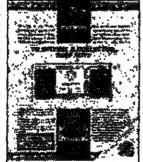
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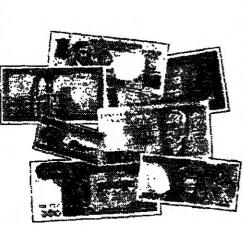


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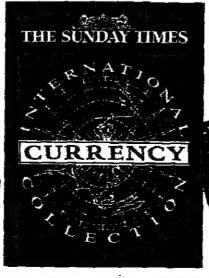
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Press savages Bush over Tokyo trip

FROM PETER STOTHARD, US EDITOR, IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush said yesterday that his trip to Japan would produce clear, measurable" results for the American economy. Whether his effectiveness as an economic leader would be measurable before this year's election was less clear to worried White House staff as they contemplated a savage press assault and new figures showing the highest unemployment rates

While Airforce One was still on its way home from the 12-day mission for "jobs, jobs and jobs", the labour department announced that unemployment in December had

per cent in November. At Andrews airforce base, Mr Bush expressed disappointment at the news, but offered confidence that his campaign to open Japanese markets would "translate into progress on jobs and econom-

growth in America", Mr Bush predicted that 200,000 jobs would come from the Japanese agreement to double its import of American car parts. He said: "We made major accomplishments and we will go on from here." A look at the newspaper editorials provided lit-ile comfort that his countrymen shared that view. The New York Times called the

trip a "fiasco". For The Washington Post it was "a flop".

The comment by Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese prime minister, that America needed more "compassion" was highlighted by The Wall Street Journal. "Mr Bush's implicit message was that the Cold War is over but Japan won," the newspaper said.

In Washington there were immediate political recriminations by those who had always opposed the threaten-ing protectionist tone set for the trip by Mr Bush's reelection team. Much of the fire was directed at Robert Mosbacher, the commerce secretary, who is to take up direction of the Bush-Quayle campaign shortly. There was particular anger at the decison to link the president to America's top car industry

The leader of the anti-Japanese forces in Congress, Richard Gephardt, the House majority leader, called the Tokyo agreements "little more than pictures and press releases". There is growing pressure on Capitol Hill for tough trade sanctions if the \$41 billion (£22 billion) deficit in trade between the two countries is not balanced in five years.

Mr Bush said he felt much better following his banquet collapse, adding: "I almost went running today, but then I thought, no, someone would say I was overdoing it."

The president is now, more than at any time since his election, a prisoner of public perception. The chief foreign policy issues on which his strength has been built are now out of his control and there is little effort even to make its seem otherwise.

A CBS/New York Times poll, released yesterday. showed that twice as many Americans disapprove his handling of the economy as

approve it.

President Bush has tough decisions ahead about how directly to confront the protectionist rhetoric of Patrick Buchnanan, his Republican rival, who has been campaigning strongly this week for next month's critical New Hampshire primary election. His other rival, David Duke of Louisiana, threatened yesterday to launch a third party bid in November which could be much more dangerous to Mr Bush than his current primary challenge.

gists claim the president's slide in the polls has been halted. His overall approval rating seems to have stuck at just below 50 per cent, and Mr Bush denied yesterday that his past ten days had constituted a "political bust". Boise, Idaho: A man was held in a mental hospital after calling Cable News Network on Wednesday claiming to be the president's doctor and reporting that Mr Bush had died in Tokyo, CNN said. Secret service agents have interviewed him. (AP)

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Budget cuts raise shuttle safety fear

BY NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

INDUSTRIES supported by the American space shuttle programme are facing financial and job losses with the decision of Nasa to cut its shuttle budget by three per cent annually over the next

five years. The cut, part of growing pressure on the American space budget, means that £500 million less will be spent. That could lead to the loss of 5,000 of the 30,000 jobs directly linked with the shuttle programme. The main cuts will be in safety procedures and equipment checks which were increased after the Challenger explos-

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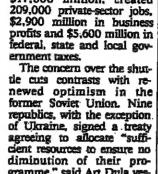
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ion six years ago.
John Pike, director of space policy at the Federation of American Scientists, said he was "terrified" at the prospect of cuts as they could threaten flight safety. However, Rob-ert Crippen, a former astronaut and incoming director of the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida, said the cuts could be made without compro-mising the hardware or assuring that it is safe and ready

The decision could have an even greater impact on the economy than officials realise. Most Americans, including politicians, believe that the economic benefits of the US space and shuttle programmes flow to the aerospace industry and a few states such as California, Texas and Florida. New research indicates that Nasa's spending has an impact across the country giving stimulus to the glass, paint, transport, warehousing, sanitary and hotel

Roger Bezdek and Robert Wending, of the Management Information Services of Washington DC and the study's authors, say: "Many of the businesses involved are not even aware ... that their sales, profits and jobs are being generated by the space programme." The researchers, whose findings are published in the journal *Nature*, analysed Nasa's 1987 pro-



curement spending of \$8,600

million (£4.6 million). It gen-erated industry sales of \$17,800 million, created

diminution of their pro-gramme," said Art Dula yesterday, an official of the Space Commerce Corpora-tion in Houston, Texas, the commercial arm of Russia's Glavcosmos space agency.

Mr Dula said they were also signs that the republics were coming close to generaling overseas profits from space. Russia is at an advanced stage of selling communications satellite to a South American country and other contracts are also coming close to fruition.

However, it is not dear what impact Ukraine's decision will have.



US ready to block loan aid for Israel

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

FURTHER strains have begun to appear in relations between America and Israel after the Bush administration's criticism of Yirzhak Shamir's government this week and indications that the US will not help subsidise additional funding for the country's flagging economy.

Although Israel's negotiators were preparing in Washington yesterday for talks with its traditional Arab foes. due to resume tomorrow and on Monday, their government was more concerned about its previously reliable relations with Washington. On Monday night at the

United Nations in New York,

America voted for a resolution condemning Israel's decision to deport 12 Palestinians from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Although the move was expected, Israel was angered by the harsh wording of the document which referred to "all the Palestinian territories oc-cupied by Israel since 1967. including Jerusalem". The specific reference to Palestinian land seemed to indicate that Washington eventually foresees the return of all occupied land to the Arabs, a position unterly rejected by the

Israeli leadership. A further blow came yesterday when Israeli press reports suggested that Israel's request for \$10 billion (£5.5 billion) in loan guarantees, to help meet the cost of absorb-



Sticking to his gun: an Israeli settler brandishing an M l6 at Bet El in the West Bank yesterday, where peace activists said residents were behaving like sheriffs

ing Soviet immigrants over the next five years, was likely to be turned down when it is considered by Congress and the White House this month. Phil Gramm, a visiting Republican senator from Texas. said: "If it is clear that the guarantees will end up ... funding more settlements in the occupied territories, then the loan guarantees will not happen." He added: "I have never seen the president more

adamant ... than he is adamani about the settlements in the occupied territories." Zeev Schiff, the noted Israeli journalist, reported that America had completed a study of Israeli building in the territories which concluded

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that the housing stock had doubled in the past year. The last time Israel received American loan guarantees, it promised not to use them to increase the rate of construc-

governor of Israei's central bank said yesterday that without additional help the country might face deep cuts in government spending.

• Beirut: The Israeli airforce yesterday attacked Palestinian positions south of Beirut, killing at least 13 people. It was the most serious Israeli attack against Lebanon in 13 months. Witnesses said that at least 19 were wounded.

UN team fails to trace cash for Kurds

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN SULAYMANIYAH

SENIOR United Nations officials say that they do not know what has happened to the funds from the Simple Truth appeal, organised by Jeffrey Archer, in aid of Kurds in Iraq.

Pierre François Pirlot, deputy chief of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees mission in Baghdad who is heading the relief effort in Sulaymaniyah province, said his organisation had received only \$1.7 million (£900,000) of the £57 million raised in the appeal. UN workers say Mr Archer had a two-hour meeting with UNHCR repre-sentatives in Dahuk to demand some explanation.

"It's not the first contribution ever made," said one UN official who works in the Said Saddiq refugee camp, visited by the author-turned-fundraiser this week. "Geneva (the UN agency's headquarters must have an answer."

The assumption among the relief organisations run and staffed by Iraqi Kurds is that much of the money has been lost in the bureaucratic wash. We have to respect Mr Archer. It's just a pity the way the money was spent," said Ari Jaff, who works for the Kurdish Shelter Reconstruction Organisation. However, it may transpire that a large part of the Simple Truth money could have been channelled into a different part of the United Nations operation in northern Iraq.

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Japan's gangsters appeal to American spirit of enterprise

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

A Japanese gangster has threatened President Bush with a nationwide boycott of American cars unless he helps the yakuza — Japan's fabled mafialike godfathers — to fight impending laws against

impending laws against money-laundering, gunrunning and extortion.

The threat was made in a letter from Tadao Nawa delivered to the American embassy in Tokyo as Mr Bush left Japan after a four-day visit during which he pressed the country to he pressed the country to open its markets wider to American cars and other goods. Mr Nawa said the yakuza bought 70 per cent of the 30,000 American cars sold every year in Japan. In return, the president must press Tokyo to repeal laws due to take effect in March that will impinge on their lucrative careers.

"We are asking for your support in a simple matter of justice and human rights." Mr Nawa wrote. "The reason we like American cars, you understand, is because the bodywork is thick and protects us from unwanted bullets." Japan's 89,000 yakuza enjoy an image of wearing flashy foreign suits, Ha-waiian shirts, and mali-

seen any day in Tokyo loll-ing in stretched Cadillacs and Lincolns, their jaws clamped around fat cigars. They have enjoyed cosy relations with the police and earn an estimated £4 billion a year from smuggling, drug trafficking, prostitu-tion, and gambling. They are openly indignant that their businesses are to be

criminalised. Mr Bush's scant achievements this week in Tokyo should have taught Mr Nawa that, in the unlikely event of the president being willing to team up with Japan's underworld, he would make little progress

on their behalf. But Mr Nawa is proba-bly aware that the legislation is intended merely to ward off rather than punish. Apparently under pressure from the ruling Liberal Democratic party. the police have proposed risible penalties for the new offences: one year in jail or a fine of less than

£4.000. As Mr Nawa threatens to shrink Japan's demand for American cars, a British businessman could be heading for a confrontation with the yakuza by seeking a share of the Japwaiian shirts, and mali-cious sneers. They can be Richard Manning, director

of J. Manning, the tenth-largest British bookmaker, was in Tokyo yesterday to bookmaking organisation through a Japanese agent. Gambling in Japan is worth an estimated £22 billion a year. The trouble is that it is illegal unless restricted to horse, car. motor boat and bicycle

Mr Manning says he will be kicking off his new business by offering odds on a sumo tournament beginning in Tokyo tomorrow. The Japanese will probably be invited to bet, illegally, on the American presidential elections, the Japanese upper-house election in July, and on all manner of other events. This will put him in competition with the gambling specialists of the underworld, who control huge networks of gambling dens in the alleys of Tokyo and

other large cities. The penalty for poaching business from rival gangs requires a gangster to lop off his own finger. Mr Manning is apparently undeterred by tales of the vakuza's strongarm tactics. He says he intends to recruit 20,000 to 30,000 Japanese members to his bookmaking operation.

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Republics debate Black Sea fleet

Russia sees hope of military deal

AFTER a week of bickering between Russia and Ukraine over control of the Black Sea fleet, Andrei Kosyrev, the Russian foreign minister, yesterday claimed that the former republics of the Soviet Union were moving towards agreement over the dispute concerning the former state armed forces

Speaking before a meeting of the Commonwealth of Independent States foreign ministers, Mr Kosyrev suggested that the four million strong Soviet army should be left under joint Common-

AS ADMIRAL Igor

Kasatonov, the Black Sea

fleet commander, yesterday

condemned as "absurd" pro-

posals by President Kravchuk

of Ukraine to take control of

the warships, there was new

concern in the West over the

republic's apparent reluc-

tance to hand over all its land-

based tactical nuclear

According to the latest in-

telligence, there is now an

alarming impasse between

Ukraine and Russia over the

transfer of tactical missiles to

When Ukraine announced

that it wished to be a non-

nuclear state, the general staff

in Moscow set about remov-

ing tactical weapons from

Ukrainian soil. Western gov-

ernments were reassured that

all tactical systems would be

placed in storage under cen-

However, it appears that

Moscow did not request spe-

cific permission to begin the

transfer, according to author-

itative sources yesterday.

Once the Ukrainian authori-

ties became aware that the

Russians were transferring

the systems across the border,

"almost surreptitiously", they

Western governments have

been told that there is now a

put a stop to it.

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wealth command for a transitional period. Meanwhile, Nato officials met their East European and Commonwealth counterparts in Brussels to discuss the new states' compliance with the 1990 Conventional Forces in Europe treaty.

Of specific concern to Nato will be the control and removal of tactical nuclear weapons from Ukrainian soil and the possibility of continued Russo-Ukrainian rivalry over the spoils of the Soviet army breaking zonal troop limits set out in the treaty. A state-

sensitive stand-off between

the two republics, with the

Russians wary of shipping the

nuclear systems out of

Ukraine without approval

from Kiev, even though Mr

Kravchuk continues to say in

public that he does not want

According to one Western

military source, the Russian

command responsible for

bringing the tactical missiles

out of Ukraine is now "very

worried" that Mr Kravchuk

will try to hang on to the

missiles as a bargaining chip

in his dispute with Russia

over the Black Sea fleet.

Ukraine has several thousand

nuclear artillery shells and

Earlier, Mr Kravchuk took

control of the communica-

tions network linking former

Soviet troops in Ukraine with

the centre in Moscow. Vladi-

mir Nikaronov, a spokesman

for the central defence minis-

try in Moscow, said central

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However, Western sources

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West fears arms

impasse in Kiev

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

the alliance's headquarters said all participants had agreed to ratify and implement the treaty as soon as possible and that the former Soviet republics would reach agreement on how to divide up the equipment.

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The CFE treaty should enter into force without renegotiation and be fully implemented as soon as pos-sible," the statement said. Another meeting is planned next month to discuss progress. Britain expressed serious concern yesterday about the implications of the dispute, and said it attached importance to a single control of nuclear weapons and the need for the republics to coop-erate in a sensible way. The Foreign Office also an-

nounced that as from yesterday the British consulategeneral in Kiev had been upgraded to a full embassy. Michael Homes, the consulgeneral, had therefore become chargé d'affaires.

In Sevastopol, headquarters of the Black Sea fleet, Admiral Igor Kasatonov, who had refused to take an oath of allegance to Ukraine. yesterday held a meeting with senior commanders from the fleet. He told the officers that he "protected their stance" in rejecting Ukrainian demands for control of the fleet. The admiral claimed that he had won over Ukraine's leader, President Kravchuk, to support a gradual political solution to the issue, something that both sides have consis-

tently argued for.
Anatoli Zlenko, Ukraine's foreign minister, who also attended yesterday's meeting in Moscow, said that an agree-ment could be found which would satisfy both Ukraine and Russia. However, Ukrainian leaders have said they would insist on control of non-strategic military forces

within the republic. Yesterday, staff at the central headquarters of railway troop units in Ukraine swore sole allegiance to the republic, and another regiment in central Ukraine is expected to declare its loyalty today.

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Angry shoppers greet Chalker

By Anatol Lieven IN ST PETERSBURG AND MICHAEL HORNSBY

ANGRY shoppers in St Petersburg yesterday told Lynda Chalker, Britain's overseas development minister, that Western aid was a waste of effort because it was all stolen before it reached the shops of Russia. As she called at food shops, people queuing in sub-zero temperatures denounced the price reforms of President Yeltsin and the efforts of Anatoli Sobchak, the mayor.

Mrs Chalker is visiting St Petersburg in connection with a £20 million British aid programme intended to maintain meat and milk supplies to the city. The aid is in the form of seed grains for animals. Russia imports most of this from other republics of the former Soviet Union, where acute fodder shortages have raised the spectre of a mass slaughter of animals.

A separate European Community aid project, worth £140 million, will provide milk, beef and butter to Moscow and St Petersburg.

About 2,000 tonnes of British beef, awaiting delivery to Russia as part of the EC food aid, was pronounced acceptable yesterday by a group of Russian veterinary officials after they inspected a slaugh-terhouse in Petersfield, Hampshire, and a cold store in Gillingham, Kent.

The visit was arranged to allay Russian fears that the beef might be infected with bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). The meat cargo is now due to sent by sea from Hull next week.

Nikolay Zhiltsov, the agricultural attaché at the Russian embassy, said the Rus-sian vets had been impressed by the high standards at the abattoir and were now much less worried than they had been. But he said they were still concerned about a possible threat to Russian cattle from BSE.

There is no single case of BSE in Russia and they do not want it to get in, but we are keen to develop co-opera-tion with your country," Mr Zhiltsov said.

During her tour, Mrs Chalker visited the third British ship to dock in St Petersburg under the programme. with 27,000 tonnes of seed grains. A total of 300,000 tonnes is expected to be shipped to Russia. Crown. Agents officials, supervising the British aid, said that so far it had gone well, thanks to a personal intervention by Mr



Crumbs of comfort: a smiling Russian, with a stack of bread, takes advantage of a well-stocked private bakery yesterday as state shops stay empty

Yeltsin could draw much

comfort from the views of

Sobchak, who ensured that railway wagons were provided promptly. A four-man British team supervises the delivery to prevent theft, although as Peter Bannister. the aid programme director, said, there is much less risk of theft from the British project than from the other European food deliveries, since seed grain is not attractive to the Russian crime syndicates.

Mr Sobchak had two meetings with Mrs Chalker yesterday to discuss future British aid possibilities. He has staked much of his own dwindling prestige on rangible results from his visits to the at empty counters. West in search of aid. Neither Mr Sobchak nor President

Russian shoppers who met Mrs Chalker yesterday.
At one of the shops visited by Mrs Chalker, the food shortage was aggravated by poor organisation. While a long line of people queued in the snow outside, a single

shop assistant was filling customers' bottles with cooking oil, other assistants lounged

Mr Yeltsin is believed by Western analysts here to have made a bad tactical mistake by promising that things would get better within six to eight months. A middle-aged worker said yesterday. "If eight months from now things are no better, then as a decent man, Yeltsin should resign, as he has promised

De Klerk proposes role for Zulu king

Cape Town: President de Klerk yesterday recognised what he said was the unique position in South African affairs of King Goodwill Zwelithini of the Zulus, and said the king should be given a role in negotiations on a new constitution (Stephen Taylor

Exclusion of the king from the first session of the talks held by the Convention for a Democratic South Africa last month led to a withdrawal in protest by Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the leader of the Inkarha Freedom party.

Renamo attack

Maputo: Rebels of the Mozambique National Resistance Movement (Renamo) killed 50 people in an attack on the town of Macia, Radio Mozambique said. Twentyfive people were wounded, six seriously. Troops killed two guerrillas. (AFP)

Stasi claim

Cologue: The East German secret police were involved in the creation of the country's Social Democratic party, according to a parliamentary deputy. Angelika Barbe said that Ibrahim Boehme, its first leader, had collaborated with the Stasi. (AFP)

Cubans killed

Havana: Three Cuban policemen were shot dead and a fourth wounded when "counter-revolutionaries seeking to escape tried to a steal a launch from a boatyard at Tarara, nine miles east of Havana, the interior ministry said. (Reuter)

Spanish ties

Madrid: Spain is to establish liplomatic relations with the former Soviet republics of Ukraine, Belorussia, Moldavia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan. In December it recognised Rossia as the successor to the Soviet Union.

Briton held

Bangkale Peter Edward Heather, a Briton aged 26, was arrested in a flat here after That police found 1.3lb of top-grade heroin stuffed into condoms and hidden in his trousers. He was charged with possessing heroin with intent to sell. (AFP)

Clean bill

Peking: Special patrol teams of "upright policemen" are monitoring their colleagues, telling those found guilty of improper behaviour or sloppy appearance to button their jackets, straighten their caps, and be polite, the official China Daily reported. (AP)

Teresa rallies

La Jolia, California: Mother is taking short walks and gaining strength while recovering from pneumonia. But a hospital spokes man said the Catholic nun, aged 81, was "fragile". Her

ball-by-ball progress in all.
Test matches and one-day
internationals against New
Zealand. BBC Radio 3 medi-

Patriarch prays for peace FROM BRUCE CLARK

AS BATTLES tore apart the historic centre of Tbilisi and divided Georgians, the country's most ancient and respected institution, with headquarters less than a mile from the conflict zone, kept a deafening silence.

Only on Tuesday this week. with the rebel forces firmly victorious, did Patriarch Ilya II, head of Georgia's 17-century-old church, speak out.
Without seeking to allocate
blame for the bloodletting. the head of the church called for reconstruction, reconcilia-

Lithuania to scrap coupons scheme

BY ANATOL LIEVEN

LITHUANIA, the only former Soviet republic apart from Ukraine to have introduced a coupon system, is to abolish it on January 20, after less than a year in operation. It is not yet clear if it will be replaced by a new set of coupons or whether the govern-ment intends to take the plunge and reintroduce litas as the currency of independent Lithuania.

All Soviet republics now operate rationing systems for a variety of goods. The Estonian government on Thurs-day decided to extend rationing, which already exists for sugar, to bread, milk,

like the coupons, to substitute for the money itself. The Lithuanian coupons on the other hand are handed out to residents of the republic as part of

wages and pensions.
The intention was to provide a check to inflation, give local people purchasing advantage over visitors, and pave the way for the reintroduction of an independent CUITERCY

The Lithuanian coupons, which were promptly given the popular name of "Vadgnorki" after prime minister. Dr Gedyminas Vagnorius, are deliberately

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shared religious faith and oiled with aid.

Iran has recognised Azerbaijan, is negotiating with the leaders of all the former Soviet Central Asian republics and, encouraged by the increased political importance of the ethnic Turks in Bulgaria, has struck a deal with Sofia, trading a mil-lion tonnes of oil for Bulgarian cigarettes, machine tools and other machinery.

case of an assault by the Yugoslav army.

The drive into Eastern Europe and the Asian underbelly of the former Soviet Union may have a stabilising effect. That seems to apply to Turkish involvement since Ankara is regarded as a successful free-market role model by the impoverished Central Asians of Uzbekistan, Kirghizia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan and Kazakhstan.

also moved swiftly to recognise Azerbaijan and there are regular flights between Ankara and Baku. Turkmenistan says that it is ready to share its rich oil, gas and mineral deposits in return for Turkish help in

modernising the economy. There is also much genu-ine cultural co-operation. Turkey is keen to develop Turkish schools in Bulgaria, and Iran and Libya are ready with cash to build

directly into regional conflicts, most notably in

Finally, the regional com-petition for influence between Turkey and Greece has been stirred up by the new alignments. Turkey, for example, is showing a strong interest in Albania, a predominantly Muslim country, and the Turkish chief of staff. General Dogan Dures, recently visited Tirana to discuss possible security links.

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Doubts emerge on EC recognition of breakaway Croatia

By TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

that both Slovenia and Cro-

atia would be recognised by the EC on January 15, by when Robert Badinter, the

former French justice minis-

ter, will have delivered his

report on the independence

claims of the four republics

wanting separation from Bel-

grade: Slovenia, Croatia,

Macedonia and Bosnia-Her-

regovina. However, the EC's

facade of unity over recognis-

ing the republics seemed to be

under fresh strain last night.

self," said one EC diplomat

after foreign ministers held an inconclusive debate over

what to do by next Wednes-

day's self-imposed deadline

for recognition. "Germany

rode rough-shod over the others," said another official

close to the talks. Herr

Genscher's spokesman said

Bonn had been justified in breaking ranks with the EC

in its support for Croatia. "1

leave it to you," he said. "Compare the situation be-

fore Christmas to now, and you will see that it is much better."

But Dutch sources said there were still substantial

worries that Croatia may not respect the rights of Serb mi-

norities living in the republic. Ministers have already

agreed that any republic

claiming independence must comply with international

standards on human rights,

the maintenance of borders

and minorities. Many of

these are enshrined in the

Helsinki accords that lay

down conditions of democra-

cy, elections, and freedom of religion for internationally

All ministers expressed

their fears that neither Bosnia, sandwiched between warring Croatia and Serbia,

nor Macedonia would be able

to fulfil the conditions in the

immediate future. Greece,

which borders Macedonia,

wants to delay any decision

on its neighbour well after

peace has returned to the troubled Balkans. The minis-ters also agreed to lift the

economic sanctions imposed

on Montenegro, which has been allied to Serbia in the

civil war but has since dis-

tanced itself from President

The leadership of Krajina, the Serbian-controlled areas

of Croatia, meanwhile ex-

pressed "shock at the arrogant and blackmailing letter"

sent to them by President

Milosevic earlier this week. In

capital, Knin, the ruling Ser-

bian Democratic party ac-cused President Milosevic of

calling for a "coup d'état" in

Krajina and of trying to "di-

The Krajina leadership has opposed the United Nations

plan for peacekeeping forces for Yugoslavia on the ground

that it envisages the disarma-ment of their local Serbian

militias but not the Croatian

army. A bitter dispute has now broken out between Knin and President Milo-

sevic, who has accused Milan

Babic, the Krajina president,

of opposing the plan in order to hold on to power.

On Thursday Serbs in eth-nically mixed Bosnia-Herze-

govina declared they were founding their own republic. The announcement met with

a resounding silence from the Serbian leadership indicat-

ing a possible attempt to distance itself from a move which it has not discouraged

but which many fear could spark war in Bosnia.

vide the Serbian nation".

recognised states.

"It's each country for it-

DOUBTS emerged last night. on whether the European Community would recognise Yugoslavia's breakaway republic of Croatia next week. A report outlining whether the Twelve should recognise four Yugoslav republics cites only Slovenia as posing no problems, an EC source said

However, Mark Eyskens, the Belgian foreign minister, said the Community was poised to recognise Slovenia and Croatia. He also said that the ministers agreed to recall their ambassadors from Yugoslavia in recognition of the fact that the country no long-

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er existed . Earlier, Community foreign ministers meeting in Brussels yesterday gave their provisional assent to Slovenia's independence, pending the report from a French constitutional expert. But the ministers were less positive

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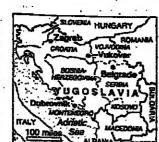
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just two compaints in a survey by the universities of Durham and Braunschweig of language text-books in Germany.

Michael Byram, the project leader at Durham said that the picture of Britain emerging from textbooks in Germany.

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lacked accuracy, depth and breadth.



about Croatia's chances of recognition, because of continued fears for the safety and human rights of minorities within the republic. Both republics declared their independence from Yugoslavia in

The only EC country consistently to have pushed for the recognition of Croatia is Germany, which made clear its unilateral support for Za-greb before Christmas. Yesterday a spokesman for Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the foreign minister, predicted

Pledge on Markov enquiry

FROM ROGER BOYES IN SOFIA

missing a bad BULGARIA will continue searching for the murderers of Georgi Markov, the dissi-dent who was murdered in British joke. Ian Murray writes from London in 1978 with poison Bonn administered by umbrella in spite of the apparent suicide German children learning English are

The assurance, given yesterday by Yordan Sokolov, the interior minister, was prompted by the late Cold War Gothic adventures of the past week. One secret police been shot; another general from an unexplained trip to Moscow; and a former general claimed on TV that he had bought a shredder to preserve documents not destroy them. Markov, a writer with a fine

"What goes 99, plonk?" asks one textbook, seek-ing to introduce some British humour. (Answer: Mr Sokolov said that he did "A centipede with a wood-en leg.") The Durham re-searchers say that the question should read: "What goes 99, bonk?" Then there is the I problem of the seats in the Commons. Not only does one textbook have MPs sitting on chairs rather than benches, it says they are covered in green leather because "green is the colour of the people". At Durham they say green can stand for the environment, Islam,



Markov: documents on

this week of a key witness.

general has shot himself - or went on trial having returned eye for political subterfuge, would have relished the

not believe that the death of General Stoyan Savov was the end of the Markov affair, It does, however, make finding the muth harder. The popular assumption has been that the Bulgarians assassinated Markov with the help of the KGB. But to prove the require digging out the Markov file from secret police archives. Savov, a former deputy interior minister, may have had this file destroyed. or he may have given it to General Vladimir Todorov, the police chief who went to Moscow for "health reasons" in May, shortly before British



case are needed

Bundle of joys: Anne Wibble, the Swedish finance minister, taking her first budget in a neat bundle to parliament yesterday in Stockholm. She told MPs that the centreright government's fiscal policy was centred on promoting growth and development while breaking economic stagnation

and re-establishing Sweden as a strong industrial nation. One of Ms Wibble's most controversial proposals is cutting off pay for the first two days of sickness. That would change Sweden from being the most generous in Europe for sickness benefits

Tax police battle to outwit **Poles**

FROM PATRICIA KOZA

POLAND launched a personal income tax on January I to improve its revenue base. but its "tax police" are bat-

tling Polish resourcefulness. The new tax replaces five taxes from the communist era, including a wage tax and levies on capital gains, dividends and the sale of property. The finance ministry estimates that for the first six months of 1991 alone, income from taxes was 1.1 triilion zioties (£53 million) less than it should have been.

Poles considered it almost a gesture of independence to avoid paying taxes under the communist system that col-lapsed in 1989. Many have illegal bank accounts abroad. and traders routinely underreport their sales.

About 21 million Poles are subject to the income tax. Eighty per cent still work for state-owned enterprises that must withhold taxes from paychecks, and initially the income tax will be roughly the same as the old wage tax. Newspapers have called them the "weep and pay" sector.

But businessmen and workers are finding room to manoeuvre out of the clutches of some 6,000 "tax police" who will be monitoring their incomes. One millionaire. who owns several businesses including a fish farm, has parcelled them out to relatives. Another common ploy is to pay employees part of their wages under the table.

The financial police are not expected to be fully organised until next year, but their powers are wide-ranging. They can search apariments, collect testimonies and pay informers. Fines for tax avoidance have been increased almost tenfold.

US urged to end Hanoi trade ban

Hanoi: Lord Caithness, a minister of state at the Foreign Office, said it was time for America to normalise relations with Vietnam now that a peace settlement had

been reached in Cambodia. He said that Vo Van Kiet. the Vietnamese leader, told him that the US trade embargo was a problem. (Reuter)

Naval moves

Washington: The US Navy is planning to move about 2,500 personnel and their relatives from Subic Bay naval base in the Philippines to Guam, a Pentagon official said. The United States must move all personnel by the end of 1992. (AFP)

Arson sentence

Los Angeles: A former sec-urity guard, Michael John Huston, aged 41, was jailed for four years after pleading guilty to setting the 1990 fire that caused \$25 million (£13.4 million) damage to film sets and other property at Universal Studios. (AP)

Gaullist dies

Paris: Louis Terrenoire, information minister under President de Gaulle in the aged 83. He edited L'Aube, a now defunct daily, before the war. Terrenoire, active in the resistance, was sent to a Nazi concentration camp. (Reuter)

Goat jailed

Nairobi: A Tanzanian court has jailed a goat for seven days for illegally grazing on a private farm, Radio Tanzania reported. The farmer found the goat eating his crops and took it to court, where a magistrate in Mtwara im-

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Budapest police begin purge of 40,000 illegal immigrants

FROM ERNEST BECK IN BUDAPEST

A GRIMY former police barracks on the outskirts of Budapest is the end of the line for hundreds of Asian, Arab and African nationals who had hoped to strike it rich and start a new life in Hungary.

But instead of earning quick cash, they wait in the camp surrounded by barbed wire and guards wielding truncheons until the authorities arrange charter flights to take them home - the first deportees in a tough new policy to rid Hungary of unwanted foreigners.

Janos Bodracska, police chief in Budapest, says that more than 40,000 foreigners without work or resident permits have slipped into Hungary in the past two years. Most end up in the capital. changing money at street corners or selling stolen cigareties and fake Swiss watches.

Once tolerated as a source of cheap products in the booming market economy, they are now blamed for everything from the rising crime rate to spreading Aids.

The police, claiming that Bulgarian car thieves and Syrian drug dealers were terrorising the city, picked up more than 1,000 illegal foreigners in a swoop last month. Yet it was not a money changer with a thick wad of dollars in his pocket who really prompted the crackdown, but two terrorist attacks in late December.

A bus carrying Soviet Jews to Budapest airport was blown up by a bomb a week after gunmen opened fire on the Turkish ambassador as he drove through Budapest. Colonel Bodracska said: "This confirmed our belief that illegal foreigners are the

cause of a lot of trouble." In many ways. Hungary is a victim of its own generosity. Liberal immigration laws and a humanitarian "open borders" policy allowed East Germans to move through Hungary to the West, Croatians to flee from the Yugoslav civil war, and ethnic Hungarians to find a safe haven after leaving Romania.

However, the new immigrants, from places such as Hanoi, Lagos and Peking. and there is little sympathy for their plight in a society which is facing growing unemployment

homelessness. So far, only a few hundred foreigners have been deported But Colonel Bodracska has promised to clear the city of what he told a Budapest newspaper were disgraceful "colour spots".

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Clifford Longley

Religious schools must uphold common values

fficial reaction to demands for statefunded Muslim schools is to ignore them. Privately, government ministers express strong opposition; publicly, they refuse to go beyond empty platitudes. The silence appears to suggest that the official reasons are bad ones. such as racial or religious prejudice. Yet there are sound reasons, and Britain's million Muslims

need to hear and come to terms with them. British Islamic groups (such as the Muslim Institute which last weekend posed as a "Muslim Parliament") base their claim for state support for separate Muslim education on the examples offered by the Church of England and Roman Catholic school systems. If a Catholic and Anglican parents or children have the choice of denominational schools in which their own religious ethos is dominant, then should a Muslim parents or children be denied the same choice?

But the justification for state-aided denominational schooling does not rest simply on members of the denomination in question having a right If that were the case, there could be no resistance to separate Muslim schools. The justification rests also on the consent of the majority - those who do not belong to that denomination - who are entitled to be satisfied that what is proposed is a contribution to the common good. The majority too has rights, even concerning the education of children from minority groups.

tate aid for a Catholic or Church of England school system depends therefore on certain implicit conditions being met. Such a school must not be an institution serving merely partisan interests of a religious denomination. It must be fully integrated into the British education system, participating in the shaping of the system's philosophy and sharing its history. It must be regulated and inspected according to the same standards as other schools. Its teachers must be trained to the same standards as other teachers and according to the same conception of what education is about.

The majority is entitled (and would be wise) to refuse to endorse state funding unless it is to be used to support values which the majority shares. or at least esteems. While Anglican, Catholic and secular definitions of a civilised society are not identical, they overlap sufficiently for them to make common cause and to support each other. Even without state funding, society is entitled to regulate the education of children to ensure that cenain minimum standards are met and basic common values are safeguarded. To this extent there is indeed a hidden "tyranny of the

majority", which we should acknowledge.

If Muslims look at the present status of denominational schools in Britain, they will find no clear statement of public policy. The system has emerged in the traditional British way, as a series of solutions to practical problems, rather than as the application of first principles. The Anglican and Catholic systems - which together make up about a quarter of the total state effort in primary and secondary education in England and Wales - were both in place before the 1944 Education Act. They did not arrive overnight.

The Church of England had a national school system in being before the secular authorities started theirs, and the relationship between the two was always one of equality. was not so smooth - "Rome on the rates" was the protest - but at each stage as new state subsidy arrangements were discussed and agreed, a primary influence on the legislators was the state of public opinion concerning the Roman Catholic Church. The public judged Catholicism not so unpalatable as to outweigh the social benefit of teaching children the moral virtues of the Christian religion, Catholic-style.

Claims for separate Muslim schooling, however, have not made any attempt to persuade society at large that the values a Muslim school exists to perpetrate are sufficiently close to those that the majority in Britain want to see upheld. The Muslims most keen on separate Muslim schools are those least enamoured of Western civilisation, who want the schools to be cultural ghettos in which they can protect their children from the influences of Western civilisation. Many heads and teachers in secondary schools with Muslim girls in the 15-18 age group engage in a constant battle of wits to prevent conservative Muslim parents withdrawing their daughters from school. It is precisely for such reasons that the demand for separate Muslim schools has to be refused - but tacitly, because it is not 'politically correct" to say so.

The Whitehall bomb strengthens the case for tougher measures in Belfast, writes Edward Gorman

How to stop the IRA senior Army officer based in Northern Ireland - widely thought to be Sir John Wilsey, the General Officer Commanding — presented a depressingly realistic assessment of the IRA. In an attempt to justify his belief

caused hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of damage and considerable disruption to the lives of millions. In Belfast, six huge bombs in the space of eight weeks have caused devastation reminiscent of the Blitz. These have come after a year that saw more than 300 incendiary attacks in the Province alone, together with the usual depressing litany of loyalist and Repub-

lican murders. The government's response has been ineffectual. In the past two months it has reacted to sudden upsurges in violence by sending 500 extra troops to the Province on two separate occasions, and by temporarily putting hundreds of part-time members of the Ulster Defence

Regiment on a full-time footing.
The Northern Ireland Office has made the most of these announcements, which have been dutifully reported by the media as concerted enhancements of security policy. In reality, however, such measures

in place for more than a few weeks, and have had a negligible operational impact. The extra soldiers have usually stayed for around 10 days to two weeks and then been flown home

again at considerable expense. This is no way to deal with an enemy with which Britain is at cause it is so hampered in war and which is likely to con-Northern Ireland that it has to tinue its campaign for another 20 years, not just a few weeks. The government knows it is up against not a bunch of evil, psychopathic criminals, as its

propaganda has tried to sug-

gest, but a highly disciplined and politically motivated guer-

rilla army This all serves to emphasise what Unionists have been say-



Everyday peril in Ulster: an IRA firebomb

days few people at Westminster seem to listen to them any more: that security policy in Northern Ireland is nowhere near to matching the challenge posed by the IRA. Conwisdom, the IRA is not active on the mainland be-

although these

look elsewhere for targets. More likely, operations in Britain are perceived by the IRA as a luxury, yielding massive returns in worldwide publicity. If the IRA were under real pressure in Northern Ireland, a campaign in Britain would be out of the

This is not an argument for the introduction of internment.

which would be counterproductive, but for a greatly enhanced Ireland, involving thousands more soldiers posted in on a allow for a greater intensity of patrolling throughout the Province all year round, for more undercover work and more intensive surveillance of potential targets. Ordinary people in Northern Ireland have already made clear that they would put up with the extra inconvenience this would cause.

It is scarcely credible, given the general's assessment of the IRA's current effectiveness, that he now has only 10,500 troops permanently at his disposal, roughly half the number available in 1972. It is remarkable, too, that Sir Hugh Annesley, the Chief Constable of the RUC, which is desperately short of manpower, had to wait months ast year for Treasury approval the recruimment of a mere for

One imagines the main reason why the government is not prepared to step up its security effort in the Province is the cost. At present, security policy in Northern Ireland costs the taxpayer around El billion a year, equivalent to about half a penny on income tax. But many people in Britain, however jaundiced their view of Northern Ireland, would accept an increase of at least half as much again if more lives and property could be saved as a consequence. Millions are being wasted every year paying for repairs to damaged lives and damaged buildings, and on short-term military deployments. This money would be far better spent on permanent new measures.

Britain must face the fact that its presence in Northern Ireland is, for whatever reason, a direct cause of death and destruction. If the government is determined to stay and to honour the wishes of the majority in the Province that it should do so, it cannot carry on half-heartedly hoping the IRA will give up. It must be prepared to spend more and make the sacrifices that fighting a war on a disputed area of its sovereign territory requires.

Books do furnish a mind

Daniel Johnson wonders why we can no longer produce cheap books as well as the Victorians

t is a shameful admission for a new literary editor to make, but I actually prefer secondhand books to new ones. Why? My wife has no doubt about the reason: stinginess. That may well be part of it, though I like to think that taking pleasure in a bargain is not wholly discreditable; besides, she also complains of my extravagance. Limited means can be spent on books in more than one way, so I suppose that my weakness for used books rather than new ones must owe something to a sheer delight in un-earthing the unexpectedly precious. Economy and serendipity are the two motive forces that explain the preponderance of past over present on my shelves.

that internment was now the

only answer to their continuing

campaign, he described the IRA

as "better equipped, better resourced, better led, bolder and

more secure against our pene-tration than at any time before." He went on: "They are an

absolutely formidable enemy.

The essential attributes of their

leaders are better than ever

before. Some of their operations

He may have been exaggerat-

ing to make his point, but not

much. In the past few weeks we

have seen the IRA demonstrate

its mastery of controlled acts of

devastating violence both in Belfast and on the British main-

land. Yesterday, for the second

time in 12 months, it succeeded

in detonating high explosives in

During the Christmas holi-

day, the IRA terrorised people

up and down the country with a

fire-bombing campaign which

are brilliant in terrorist terms."

Surely, though, the discoveries to be made among new writers or newly published works by established writers are no less enticing than those which old books yield? Indeed: and editing the books pages of a newspaper such as The Times would not be such adventure were this not so. But a book any book, from the Bible to the airport bestseller - works its peculiar magic on the potential reader by the symbiosis between contents and physical form.

The relationship between the reader and the read is not a purely impersonal one, and the best publishers have always taken as much pride in the quality of their editing, printing, paper. binding and so forth as they have in their authors. Publishing is a mysterious process of quasi-transsubstantiation whereby ideas are made into commodities. The publisher's contribution is to give a visible. tangible form to a manuscript (or more likely a print-out) which does justice to both its

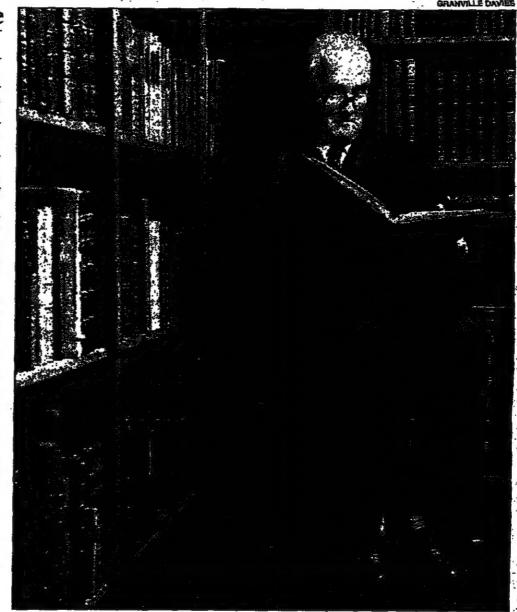
intrinsic merit and its readers. If too few people are spending their money on new books, money much in need for other things during a recession, then publishers must adapt or perish. The rise and fall of conglomerates (such as Maxwell's), ceaseless internal rationalisations, the emergence of new firms such as Christopher Sinclair-Stevenson's and Anthony Cheetham's, are all evidence of ferment within the industry. Publishers are adapting. But so far there have been fewer signs that their products are adapting too, either in price or in quality. Too little has been thought about what the serious reader of modest means really wants.

There are exceptions. The Everyman library, which Weidenfeld keeps in being as a paperback series, was relaunched in hardback last year by David Campbell. The volume for which I wrote an introduction. Mann's Death in Venice and other stories, costs £8.99; all are less than a tenner. The dustjackets and cloth covers are elegant, and the volumes are well bound; only the small size of the print is open to criticism.

The original Everyman library was, of course, only one of several Victorian and later imprints: Bohn's library, Oxford's World Classics and others offered cheap but splendid cloth-bound, usually pocketsized editions of canonical works of English literature, besides plenty of foreign and nonfictional classics. It could be done in the golden age of cheap books: evidently it still can be.

The paperback has, of course, usurped the place once held by these cheap hardbacks. But the noble didacticism of Allen Lane and other pioneers, who sought to bring good books to a readership still wider than in Victorian times, now threatens to be thwarted by the rising cost of the better paperbacks: a new Penguin Classic, for instance, is

now nearer £10 than £5. Naïvely, I had long assumed



Quality has its tactile pleasures: examining an antiquarian bookseller's stock

speeches and a boxed set of the

that there were economic reasons why no British publisher imitated the firm of Philipp Reclam, on whose tiny cream or yellow paperback volumes generations of Germans educated themselves for the equivalent of a few pence a volume. Now I learn that the American firm of Dover, whose paperbacks I have always admired, last year launched a series of books called Thrift Editions, which are as cheap as Reclam. They appear. in this country under Constable's imprint, priced at 95p. The next batch is due in April, and includes Joyce's Dubliners (newly out of copyright). Lincoln's

complete poems of Shakespeare, Keats, Poe, Dickinson and Whitman for £4.75.

At the opposite end of the spectrum, the small publishers and private presses still produce splendid, though in many cases inevitably expensive books. Their problem is the retailers. Bookshops are now more likely

than not to be owned by chains, which stock their shelves like supermarkets with fast sellers. The handful of giant publishing groups, with their big promo-tion budgets, naturally monopolise the space. They do not always use it well. Most public libraries — once good patrons of small and academic publishers have given up the attempt to elevate their readers' tastes.

It is here that literary editors can make a difference, by drawing attention to the obscure. Before taking over from my distinguished predecessor Philip Floward last month, I was amused to read a fierce polemic in The Bookseller, directed against literary editors ("all, by the immensely distinguished interary agent Giles Gordon. His diatribe did not convince me. But his question — what are literary editors for? — is a fair one.

t a party last week I wer: literary editors A are targets for com-plaints from receivers of indifferent reviews, and especially their spouses. Pity the poor books edi-tor: perilously suspended between the producers (authors, agents and publishers) and the consumers (readers of newspapers but not necessarily of books), never far from the beady eye of his or her betters on the paper (all of whom have opinions about books), while hungry reviewers suppose him or her to be permanently out to lunch because that is when they usually meet. But it is a marvellous role, nevertheless: chief supplier of the hermeneutic superglue to a fractious republic of letters.

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This brings me back to the battle of the books, ancients and moderns, secondhand and new. Good books pages ought to be capable, now and then, of rising above the week's publications. They should link the values of past and present. Above all, the books pages of The Times should tell readers in which general direction the principal writers of the day are proposing to take them. That is my aim.



...and moreover PHILIP HOWARD

anguage is the mirror of events. Our language is having to adapt fast to in the old Soviet empire. Let us try to get things shipshape and have always had trouble with our Russian. Tennyson was once entertaining a Russian nobleman at his house on the Isle of Wight. One morning the Russian set off on a biffing expedition, returning in the afternoon to announce proudly that he had shot two peasants. Tennyson politely corrected his guest's pronunciation. "You nean two pheasants," he said. "No." replied the Russian, two peasants. They were insolent, so shot them."

Soviet, one of the most popular and terrible words in our lexicon for the past 70 years, has now passed into the overmatter of history, along with witenagemot and Star Chamber. Our Englishing of it was always dodgy. The Russian word is sovet, transliterating from the Cyrillic as well as one can. It means an elected council, and was applied to various revolutionary councils set up before the establishment of communist rule in 1917. It then became the politically correct word for the elected councils which operated at all levels of government. The Russians coined the adjective sovietski, which became the approved - indeed obligatory epithet for everything to do with

that second Russian empire. The French translated saviet-

mans as sowjetisch. English could have had sovietic or sovietish. With Anglo-Saxon disdain for complex parts of speech, we made soviet do additional duty as an adjective. So we had more than 70 years of Soviet javelin throwers, Soviet ballet dancers and Soviet spies, all examples of the New Soviet Man. (who looked suspiciously like the old Russian man with the build of a bear, a Caucasian body, and a Mongolian soul). busying themselves with Soviet psychiatry. Soviet literature, and Soviet foreign policy. So we hear radio programmes bidding long goodbye to all that language by referring in successive sentences to the Soviet parliament and the Su-preme Soviet — two names for the same thing, each illustrating a different use of the world. To call a person pro-Soviet was a grave accusation in the mouths of one set of cold warriors, while anti-Soviet was an even more heinous epithet on the other The English travels of the

word did not stop there. If soviet is an analogue of English or French, what is the Soviet analogue of Englishman or Frenchman? There has never been an agreed answer. But some bold spirits, particularly on the sports pages, have seen no reason why soviet should not return to the ranks of nouns. with yet another meaning. From time to time we have read of an individual footballer, athlete or chess player as a Soviet. At the ski as sovietique and the Gertime of the Karpov-Kasparov

championship, our own dear chess correspondent referred to the strained relationship between Karpov and his "fellow-Soviet". (Kasparov is, of course, not a Russian, and how he will be described under the new dispensation is still in the lap of usage.) Churchill wrote, in The End of the Beginning: "The Soviets had to repel the terrific onslaught of Germany." But here he was writing about not individuals but a political collective. Not Churchill but Ike seems to have been originally responsible for using Soviet to mean a citizen of the USSR. Here is a newspaper cut from 1959: "President Eisenhower, seeking one word to cover citi-zens of the Soviet Union, has braved the criticism of purists and adopted the term Soviets." Can we do better with our

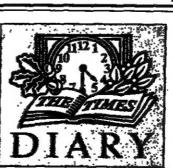
language for the new regimes that are replacing the Soviets? [don't suppose so. The original Russian word we translate as Commonwealth (of Independent States) suggests a looser link, more like a society or fraternity. In English the name Commonwealth is heavily loaded with Oliver Cromwell and Roundheads. In American, commonwealth forms part of the official titles of Kentucky. Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. Considerable confusion lies ahead if we start talking about the (Russian) commonwealth. Confusion is the element through which lan-guage ploughs, like an ice-breaker in freezing fog.

From Fido to Rimbaud

ONE of the highlights of the annual weekend at Chevening, the Chancellor's residence, is the evening of entertainment organised by the host and his impresario in these matters, the Treasury permanent secretary. Sir Terence Burns. Last night, presumably reflecting the state of the economy. Norman Lamont presided over a sombre and serious affair. described by his aides as "an evening of classical entertainment reflecting the Chancellor's catholic tastes in music and literature". Lamont's sedate evening included chamber music and poetry, much of it with a French flavour. Debussy and Rimbaud being particular favourites.

The lofty tone was in contrast to some of the high-spirited evenings enjoyed at Chevening during the boom years, after Sir Geoffrey Howe started the tradition of letting the Treasury's hair down in the early 1980s at the annual January gatherings at the country house in Kent. Sir Geoffrey enjoyed enlivening his gatherings with games of charades. On one famous occasion in 1985, a breathless Treasury official rushed into the drawing room to announce that the pound was moving close to parity with the dollar. The official stood aghast as he was greeted by the sight of Peter Rees, then Treasury minister of state, on

all fours barking like a dog. Nigel Lawson used to amuse himself by asking his ministers and officials to sing madrigals and roundelays - not always with the traditional words, by all accounts. John Major, predictably, turned to the world of sport for amusement. His year as Chancellor saw great use made of Chevening's snooker table with a tournament between



ministers and mandarins, won by Sir Terence Burns and his predecessor as permanent secretary. Sir Peter Middleton.

 Jonathan Miller is at it again. 'If you were ever to say as much about critics as they have said about me there would be a porcine squeal as they slither with the dirty little trotters in their zinc troughs," he told his biographer Michael Romain, whose book was published this week. Unfortunately, the words proved too strong for Cambridge University Press. which has struck out the entire quotation. "They are frightfully prissy about that sort of thing and worried about upsetting the critics," says the author.

More shooting

OLIVER STONE, the film director who likes to boast that he confronts Americans with the uncomfortable truth of their own history, has found a new conspiracy to expose. After JFK, his conspiracy theory version of that infamous day in Dallas, Stone has turned his attentions to the case of Leonard Peltier, the American Indian leader jailed for shooting two FBI agents. Peter Matthiessen, the American author, claims that in June 1975 the FBI picked a fight with Indians on the Pine Ridge Reservation which resulted in the

Liberté, qualité?

WHERE in London can buy Neil Kinnock's blue scarf, a giant pink teapot belonging to George Melly and a pair of earnings, property of Coronation Street's Bet Lynch? Strange to relate, only at that former bastion of of good taste, Liberty. Swallowing the not inconsiderable pride that goes with the name, the store staged an "eve-ning of bad taste" on Thursday night, for which it invited the famous to donate their naffest possessions to an auction for Centrepoint, the charity for the homeless. Sotheby's director Malcolm Barber looked less than comfortable wielding the gavel. "I've sold

It's either Liberty's or the conteen



some things in my time but this bears the lot," he sighed, holding up Kinnock's scarf. Liberty asked more than a hundred celebrities for suitably tasteless objects, although only 27 were prepared to own up to the unstylish objects which had once been given house-room. Among the unabashed were Sir David Steel, who offered an appailing paperweight, and Su-

zanne Mizzi, who donated a pair of slippers embellished with a furry character from the film Gremlins. With some embarrassment of our own, the Diary has to admit these were purchased for £25 by a member of The Times staff, who is now offering an even greater sum to remain anonymous.

Fishier and fishier

A FRESH twist to the Diary story earlier this week about the refusal of the owners of the Annigoni portrait of Elizabeth II to lend the picture to the V&A for the official exhibition marking the Queen's A0th anniversary on the throne.
The Worshipful Company of
Fishmongers insisted it was
against policy to loan the picture
under any circumstances. This
did not seem to fine the picture. did not seem to fit with the loan of

the Annigoni to the National Por-trait Gallery six years ago.

It may be mere coincidence, but John Mallet, a leading member of the Fishmongers for more than 20 years and at one time its warden, worked for the V & A until he and eight other curators were made redundant in 1989 by the new director Elizabeth Esteve-

The Fishmongers Hall was also made available to the South Kensington Nine for their leaving party, to which Mrs Esteve-Coll was conspicuously not invited. Mallet, however, insists that the refusal to lend the picture is not an act of revenge. "It was such a pala-ver lending it to the NPG last time that we décided not to lend it again. The first I knew that we had turned the V & A down was when I read it in the Times Diary. I never even liked the painting myself," he says of the most famous portrait of the Queen ever painted. I suppose it has a certain celebrity value, but if you ask me it looks

best on a postage stamp,"

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RULING THE WAVES

The Black Sea fleet was the Soviet Union's strategic counterbalance to the US Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean. By comparison with most navies, including Britain's, it looks formidable. Equipped with tactical nuclear systems, it includes 45 large and 300 small and medium surface vessels, 28 submarines and nearly 250 aircraft and helicopters. But in practice, as both Russia and Ukraine well know, the strategically vital elements of the old Soviet navy are based elsewhere, in the north Affantic and the Pacific. It is these blue water fleets, expanded and modernised under Brezhnev and carrying cruise and ballistic nuclear weapons, that most concern Nato and the Pentagon.

The West is still right to be alarmed by the public quarrel over control of the Black Sea fiect between the Russian and Ukrainian presidents, Boris Yehsin and Leonid Kravchuk. The main worry is not the uses to which the ships might be put, but the knockon effects of failure to reach a compromise on the questionable health of the Russo-Ukrainian relationship. These two states hold the key not only to the survival of the nascent Commonwealth of Independent States, but to the maintenance of unified command of the former Soviet Union's strategic forces and with it, efforts to forestall the emergence of at least four nuclear-armed states.

The use of the Black Sea fleet as a political virility symbol stokes nationalist antago-nisms on both sides. When he said that the fleet "was, is and will be Russia's", Mr Yeltsin was appealing to historical Russian pride in the navy as the creation, in 1783, of Catherine the Great. But such talk will only harden Ukrainian suspicions of Russian imperialism, which underlie Mr Kravchuk's insistence that the entire Black Sea fleet, along with all 1.3 million Soviet troops on Ukrainian soil, owes allegiance to Kiev.

If the Ukrainian leader persists, this in turn could open up disputes over territory, which the agreement to set up the commonwealth has so far helped to keep offstage. Mr Yelisin has to contend with hardliners who already accuse him of "losing" the empire, Ukraine in particular and the Crimes most economic chaos its own internal Cold War.

of all. The Black Sea fleet's home port is Sevastopol in the Crimea, Ukrainian only since 1954 and thanks to the Kremlin's tampering with borders. Some Russian politicians are already calling for the return of the Crimea. Neither leader seeks a territorial confrontation which would set off sparks across the commonwealth.

Hence the importance of last month's hardfought agreement on defence between the commonwealth's 11 members. This is beginning to unravel. The Black Sea battle reflects deeper disagreements between Russia and Ukraine over the definition of "strategic forces", which all states agreed to place under unified command. For Russia, it means all nuclear forces and supporting services, including the entire navy and airforce; for Ukraine only nuclear weapons. The mandate of Marshal Yevgeni Shaposhnikov, the commonwealth's temporary commander-in-chief, expires in March. A dissenting Ukraine could refuse to renew it.

The arguments over control of the military reflect divergent views of the commonwealth, seen by Ukraine as transitional and by Russia as creating a single economic, geographical and even political space. Mr Yeltsin's courageous freeing of prices as a first step towards a market economy has put him at loggerheads with Ukraine. Yesterday, Russia banned the export of 60 commodities to commonwealth states preventing exports to Russia. Given Russia's economic weight and international assumption of the role of "successor state" to the Soviet Union, these quarrels over trade, economic and monetary policy are essentially about sovereignty.

The Ukrainian and Russian foreign ministers are now struggling to draw back from the heated exchanges of the past week, when both presidents came close to treating each other as the heads of hostile powers. A political stand-off is badly needed to buy time for negotiating what the Russians call "a civilised way out". If the Black Sea fleet imbroglio is not converted soon from a test of virility into a trial of statesmanship, the former Soviet Union could add to today's

BASIC TAX PRINCIPLES

The Chancellor ought not to take a penny off income tax in the Budget. He and his team, holding their pre-Budget strategy session at Chevening this weekend, should rule that out. A tax cut is not necessarily a bad thing: a case for lower taxes can be made oneconomic grounds, and not only because it might add to the Tories' popularity. But there are better ways to curtaxes than to chop the basic rate. Instead, any room the Chancellor has for manoeuvre should be used to increase basic tax allowances by more than is needed to keep up with inflation.

The debate about whether to cut taxes or not has so far been almost entirely political. Some in the cabinet point to the fact that voters, when asked, give priority to public spending over lower taxes, by a majority (according to Gallup) of seven to one. Others argue that voters' behaviour belies what they tell the polisters, and that nothing will so motivate them to put their cross by the Tory

candidate as the glint of Treasury gold. Curiously, economic factors have so far barely entered this argument. Tax cats, quite aside from their potential political benefits, have potential economic benefits too. The recession will not end until the consumer starts to spend. A modest handout from Norman Lamont might boost the economy. Against this, the cabinet has not yet considered whether the Tories can afford to cut income tax. Coming on top of the £11 billion bonanza in public spending agreed by the Chancellor in his autumn statement, tax cuts might raise borrowing to a dangerous level.

This should particularly worry the Chancellor. If the Conservatives are to sustain the charge of profligacy against Labour, they need to show that they themselves are not profligate. Surrounded by his team at Chevening, Mr Lamont will have the latest information on government taxes and revenues before him, and can form a preliminary view as to whether lower taxes, if desired, can be afforded. His final judgment, however, must wait until the pre-Budget Treasury forecasts are ready.

What he could decide now is how to cut taxes, in advance of deciding whether to. The case for cutting the basic rate is political: it is a dramatic gesture, easily understood, and a step lowards the Chancellor's long-term objective of a 20p-in-the-pound tax rate. But the political argument cuts both ways. Chopping the basic rate is a transparent hand-out. The more taxpayers earn, the more they get. This would enable Labour again to paint the Tories as the party of the rich.

At the same cost as a penny off income tax. the Chancellor could instead raise basic allowances by around 10 per cent in real terms, by £330 for a single person and £500 for a married couple. This would free hundreds of thousands of taxpayers from tax altogether. It would relieve what many see as the uniquely bad feature of the British tax system, that it catches even those on a desperately low wage of £60 a week. By helping the worst off, it would be a counter to Labour's minimum wage, putting money in the pockets of the poor without pricing them out of jobs. And it would give an equal amount of cash to all basic-rate taxpayers. A married

couple would be better off by £2.40 a week. The Tories tend to be the party of lower taxation and Labour the party of higher taxation. A Budget tax cut would emphasise that point and thus sharpen electoral choice. John Major wants also to emphasise his differences with Margaret Thatcher, notably through his commitment to a fairer, classless society. A tax cut through higher allowances would neatly encapsulate the Major appeal.

STRAIGHT FROM SHAKESPEARE

When, on the brink of death, Hamlet asks Horatio to "absent thee from felicity a while," he makes one of the most moving dying statements on record. It had not been realised until now that he was referring to Felicity, a fellow philosophy postgraduate student at the liberated university of Wittenberg, with whom Horatio had been having an ambidextrous fling. The friendship between Hamiet and Horatio, a little less than kin and more than kind, is at the centreof the latest reinterpretation of Shakespeare.

Shakespeare is the plastic playwright, who is continually remade to suit the fashion of the times. The past few years have reinvented Shylock as a director of Rothschild's. Portia as an Italian fascist Eva Braun. Lear as Hitler, Othello as Kwame Nkrumah, As You Like It as an all-male after-five-shadowed romp, Prospero as John Gielgud baidly and embarrassingly starkers, Puck as a circus juggler, and Ariel as the prospective prime minister of a primitive African state, with flywhisk and corrupt incompetence.

The London Gay Theatre Company has been formed to rework the classics from a homosexual perspective. Its artistic director, Tim Luscombe, who was nominated as best newcomer in the Olivier Awards, says that the entire works of Shakespeare will lend themselves to a homosexual interpretation. "I would play up the gay relationship between Horatio and Hamlet, and make the Ophelia-Hamlet relationship a planned marriage by the fathers."

To those that have eyes for them, there are hints of homosexuality to be found in most of the Shakespearean canon. There are possibilities with Prince Hal and his hearty rugger mugger chums in Henry V. Is not old fellow is a manifesto for all seasons. 2.5

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Faistaff just a touch fruity, when he comes to Hal? Those Eastcheap pubs were boozers of infinite variety. And what does the Chorus have in mind when he declaims: "From camp to camp the hum of either army stilly sounds"? The exclusive definitions of gay, straight, and bisexual did not exist when Shakespeare was writing, NB the Sonnets. The Christians in the Merchant are ripe for replucking: "God made him, and therefore let him pass for a man." .

A lesbian reworking of Peter Pan is at present playing in London, with the love that dare not speak its name on the tip of everyone's tongue. This always was a dodgy play when it came to sex, with bossy old Wendy, uptight and retarded Peter, and Mr Darling pretending to be the dog. The play that you cannot get into for love or money. The Wind in the Willows, is running the slyest hint of a gay triangle between Badger. Mole, and Ratty. It is all there in the text, if you look for it.

If the plays are good enough, which most of Shakespeare's are, they can survive the quirks and obsessions of their contemporary directors. Shakespeare is a misty ocean in which elephants can swim and lambs can paddie. In none of the plays, least of all Hamlet, is there a definitive version of where the invisible author stands. Perhaps he was a hard-headed Thatcherite, according to Coriolanus and Troilus and Cressida (in parts). Perhaps he was a bleeding heart on the side of the underdogs, as in Lear, Hamlet and Macbeth. No doubt he was Green and redneck as well. Never mind the bias of directors. Go for the words, and find whatever you want there, with pleasure. The

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Credibility in exchange rates

From Professor Marcus Miller and Professor Lord Skidelsky

Sir. Even classical economists believed in easing monetary policy in a depression. Until now Britain's membership of the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) has permitted a fall in interest rates, but the raising of the German rate threatens a reversal. Raising interest rates in the UK now would be like hitting someone who is already down. Britain's inability to pursue a low interest-rate policy discredited the gold standard in the 1920s; the same could happen to the ERM today. Some conclude that Britain should

leave the ERM now. Professor Congdon and others argue (letter, January 7) that a return to domestic monetary targets would allow an immediate easing of UK rates and some fall in the value of sterling. But there are, we believe, great advan-tages in the ERM as a counterinflationary regime which should not be lightly disregarded. The proposition that low inflation can be achieved by targeting money ag-gregates is not persuasive technically and dubious historically.

The need now is to maintain the credibility of the ERM while not exposing members to strains which will destroy it. The best course would be unilateral realignment by Ger-many. The "shock" of German unification is largely responsible for the present strain on the system. The adjustment of the German exchange rate to this shock is the best way of maintaining the credibility of the system as a whole

The European Commission itself recognised in 1990 that in stage 1 realignments would be an appropriate instrument "in the case of country specific shocks". To those who object that this would be merely the first in a series of such realignments, the answer is that German reunification can only happen once.

Yours faithfully, MARCUS MILLER, ROBERT SKIDELSKY. University of Warwick, Department of Economics, Coventry CV4 7AL.

From Mr Michael Oliver Sir. Professor Pollard fletter, January

7) is unfair to Sir Geoffrey Howe (letter, January 4). Whilst the tax burden was shifted more towards indirect taxation (adding 4 percentage points to inflation in 1979-80) the other main cause of higher inflation was the second oil price shock, adding 3 points to the price

The economy had been pushed into a "pit" (Professor Pollard's term) by the Labour government, not by the Conservatives. It was Labour who were unable to adopt a tight policy stance to reduce inflation after k and Labour who chose to pursue a flabby supply-side policy which falled to offset price rises. Concomitantly, the growth rate under Labour was some 0.5 per cent below that achieved between 1981 and 1988.

Consequently, it is rather unfair to claim that Sir Geoffrey is "boasting" about his contribution to economic policy. Professor Pollard should provide a more balanced account.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL OLIVER, Bristol Polytechnic, Department of Humanities, St Matthias, Oldbury Court Road. Fishnonds, Bristol, Avon.

Number of MPs

From Mr Ray Ward Sir, Peter Butler (letter, January 6) is

wrong when he says that the total of 651 MPs after the next general election will be the largest number ever - though it will be the largest total since the greatest-ever reduction in numbers, when most of the Irish members were lost in 1922.

There were 658 members until 1885 when the number was increased to 670. It was further increased to an all-time high of 707 in 1918. The loss in 1922 was 92, reducing the numbers to 615 (the lowest point in modern times). Numbers were increased to 640 in 1945, reduced to 625 in 1948 with the abolition of university and multi-member constituencies (effective with the general election of 1950), and then increased to 630 in 1955, 635 in 1974, and 650 in 1983. And after the next general election there will, as Peter Butler says, be 651 due to the division of Milton Keynes into two.

Yours faithfully, RAY WARD, 18 Springwell Avenue, NW 10.

Laws of disorder

From Dr Henry Giles Sir, More modestly than some of your correspondents (December 26, '28, January 2. 4) I enunciate Giles's hypothesis:

Part 1. No public transport vehicle (including Underground trains) travelling in the direction required can be expected until at least one vehicle has passed going the other way. Part 2. The number of vehicles which must first pass in the wrong direction is proportionate to the urgency of one's journey.

Yours faithfully, HENRY GILES, 6 Bryony Road, Weoley Hill, Birmingham 29.

Future of Alzheimer research team

From the Dean of St Mary's Hospital Medical School

Sir. All of us who work in medical research are acusely conscious that research scientists are poorly paid and that funding by the Medical Research Council has fallen behind both national need and ingenuity. Nevertheless. I am delighted to be able to reassure Sir Eldred Smith-Gordon (letter, January 6) that, despite the threatened loss of a distinguished Alzheimer's research team to the USA, the atmosphere at St Mary's (now part of Imperial College) remains very enthusiastic and lively". What is more, I have received assurances from benefactors which will enable the core of

the team to remain here. The importance is threefold. First, the team will continue to interact with others already working on the relationships of head injuries and Alzheimer's, on the causes of this and other dementias (especially in younger people) and on new genetic techniques to develop therapies for diseases such as cystic fibrosis which might be applied to Alzheimer's. Second, patients stand to penefit

from the continued parmership in care and research between our clinicians and scientists which sparked off the Alzheimer's research in the first place. Third, excellent students will be inspired by the succession of world-class breakthroughs here to devote themselves to research in previously intractable medical problems. Not all the team will stay, but it

looks as if enough will remain to rebuild the project with better facilities and improved personal prospects. No army worth its salt is dismayed by the loss of a general: St Mary's/Imperial College is worth its salt and is also deeply grateful for the generous demonstration of public concern and support.

This potentially happy outcome should not, however, divert attention from the fact that a succession of governments has failed to give suf-ticient priority to the funding of Yours faithfully,

research and that reappraisal of our

PETER RICHARDS, Dean, St Mary's Hospital Medical School, and Pro Rector (Medicine). Impenal College. Norfolk Place, W2. January 8.

national values is long overdue.

From Dr Sarah-Jane Richards

Sir, At the risk of disheartening your readership even further about the state of British science - I refer to the departure of members of the UK's largest and best-funded Alzheimer's research group to Florida (report. December 31) - I wish to report that an alpha-rated project developing a desperately needed animal model to Alzheimer's disease, which has already contributed to current understanding of the neuropathological proteins central to the disease, has failed to receive support from the Medical Research Council.

I have recently received a letter from the MRC grants section which acknowledges that this model is accepted as being of value to understanding the disease (indeed has been patented by the MRC) and has been rated by peer review as im-portant for funding, but explains that funds just do not exist for supporting this work. Thus, yet again we see a breakthrough being made in this country but due to lack of financial support, being developed abroatt.

Is it any wonder that scientists like myself, on a salary equivalent to that of a primary school teacher, on a short-term employment contract and working in a laboratory furnished in part from the hospital waste skip, consider there is no future in science in this country?

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Yours sincerely, SARAH-JANE RICHARDS (Senior research scientist, Department of Medicine). Addenbrooke's Hospital, Hull Road, Cambridge. January 8.

Putting the record straight on CDs From Mr David G. G. Wyld

Sir, It is a great pny utat un the £1 compact disc is still being the £1 compact disc is still being article. "LP Sir, It is a great pity that the myth of perpetuated (leading article, records scratched", January 7).

It is true that the cost of pressing the bit of plastic called a CD is approximately £1; however this does not take into consideration any of the other costs involved in providing a high-quality recording to put onto it.

Therefore, add to the £1 per disc the following: artists' fees, session musicians' fees, studio/hall charges, editing, mastering and post-production charges, transportation of equipment, let alone the wages of the recording engineer and any assistants.

These are the additional charges which are involved merely in making the original recording. On top of these, there is the matter of pro-

Defending Trident

From Lieutenant-General Sir Martin Garrod

Sir, I must take issue with Commander Green's distribe (letter, January 1) against Trident. He quoted the Gulf war, and in particular the first Scud attack on Israel, as the factor to shake him out of his "pro-nuclear brainwashing". The Gulf war, however, was fought with conventional weapons and it is noteworthy that Saddam Hussein did not use his chemical or biological weapons against the Allied Force even though, as we have seen, he was perfectly prepared to use them against his own people.

Commander Green, and others who share his views, should remem-

ber that he has been able to serve a full career in the Royal Navy without being dragged into a world war on the mainland of Europe, unlike his predecessors in the first half of this century; this due to the steadfastness of Nato, underpinned by the nuclear forces of the United States and Great Commander Green also said:

"Threatening use of nuclear weapons is the ultimate expression of megalomania and terrorism". Nato throughout has been a defensive alliance, and i would have had more sympathy with this statement if he had added the words "by dictators" after weapons. I laud your excellent leading article

of December 28 and firmly believe that Trident (which consumes a small part of our defence expenditure) must remain a central part of our overall defence capability, at least until the world is a much safer place - and that certainly does not include the dangerous last decade of the 20th century.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant, MARTIN GARROD, The Strand, Walmer, Deal, Kent

should allow roll-over relief or its

equivalent for objects previously ex-

empted from capital transfer and

capital gains taxes and which are

At present, whilst the business of

opening a house may be treated as a

business by the Inland Revenue and

by the VAT authorities, no roll-over

relief is allowed on the proceeds of

the sale of a chattel which are then

used either for capital repairs or for

sold to endow maintenance funds.

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Historic houses

From Lord Camoys

Sir, I was encouraged by your report (January 2) of Lord Shelburne's initiative in suggesting to the Chancellor changes in the law to allow owners to establish maintenance funds, free of income and capitalgains taxes, which could only be used for upkeep and repairs. Without this change the future of most of our historic houses is bleak indeed - and being made bleaker by the plight of our farming industry, which until recently provided significant income to many owners of historic houses.

To make tax-free funds really effective, however, the Chancellor January 6.

From the Archdeacon of York Sir, Austin's law of ecclesiastical administration: for every five letters and two small packages received, one will ful 12 baskets with the fragments that remain.

Yours faithfully, G. B. AUSTIN, 7 Lang Road, Bishopthorpe, York.

From Mr F. D. Beasor Sir, Beasor's law of inverse distances: at any gathering of people those living nearest arrive last.

Yours, F. D. BEASOR. 12 Church Street. Byfield, Northamptonshire.

From Mr Evan M. Davies Sir, Davies's law is that no matter when one books onto an aeroplane,

Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

one's baggage arrives last in the

maintenance purposes.

Yours faithfully,

CAMOYS.

Stonor Park,

Yours faithfully, EVAN M. DAVIES, 31 Castle Street,

baggage hall.

Farnham, Surrey. From Captain A. E. Thomson, RN Sir, Thomson's law: when I arrive

late for choir practice it has already started. If I get to the church on time the choir practice starts late.

Yours sadly, ANDREW THOMSON. Bay Tree Cottage, Bentley, Farnham, Surrey.

Stiffer rules for public worship

From the Reverend Roger Thomas

Sir. It is not often that I jump to the defence of bishops, but your leading article of January 6, "Unbending bishops", prompts me to do so. The issue is not of diversity, but of anarchy.

All clergy take an oath on their appointment that in public worship they will use the Book of Common Prayer and none other except that which is ordained by lawful authority. As that includes the Alternative Service Book with all its flexibility, and those orders which synod regularly authorises, we already have great diversity.

The Bishop of Bristol is rightly worried about do-it-yourself liturgies which bear little resemblance to any of these. It is little comfort that your leader points to our Church of England structures being still in place, if its laws can be flouted: especially, as it would seem, with the encouragement of The Times.

Yours faithfully, ROGER THOMAS, Frenchay Rectory. Bristol, Avon.

From the Bishop of Bristol

Sir. The purpose of my book of essays, to which your report and leading article referred, was to foretell "what might be", not "what is" with regard to the future of Christianity in Britain. One affirmative conclusion is that there will be a changed and enlarged menu of services on church notice boards.

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Liturgy is the outward sign of the common faith of the Church. That is why every bishop, priest, deacon and reader, before each new appointment, promises, "... and in public prayer and administration of the sacraments I will use only the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by Canon".

The real challenge to the Church of England in the next 30 years is how to worship God through a rich variety of liturgies and at the same time hold to a common faith.

Yours sincerely, **†BARRY BRISTOL:**, Bishop's House, Clifton Hill, Bristol.

From Mr A. Dark

Sir, Anglicanism is always best defined and identified by its worship: if the outward forms change, so does the doctrine behind it. The "liturgical anarchy" of which the Bishop of Bristol rightly speaks represents the break-up of the doctrinal integ-rity of the Church of England.

The intimate relationship between language, worship and doctrine, and common prayer as the cement of Anglicanism, have been constant themes of the Prayer Book Society ever since the principle of common prayer was breached by the Alternative Service Book in 1980, Does or alarm mean tha some at least of his brethren are now more willing to listen to some of the things the Prayer Book Society has been saying than many of them have been in the recent past?

Yours faithfully, 74 Breakspear Road South, Ickenham, Uxbridge, Middlesex.

From Sir Michael McNair-Wilson,

MP for Newbury (Conservative)

Sir, Thank God Bishop Rogerson has spoken out against "liturgical anarchy" in the Church of England.

On Christmas Day, at a "family service" followed by Communion, we said, and I read, the Lord's Prayer according to the wording of one of the newer versions. For Communion we used the words of the traditional version set down in the Book of Common Prayer. It is one that I learned as a boy and know by heart.

I wonder what they make of all of this in Heaven. Perhaps the King in Hamlet summed it up when he stated: "My words fly up, my thoughts remain below, words without thoughts never to Heaven go". Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL MCNAIR-WILSON. House of Commons.

From Mr F. P. A. Wood

Sir. Your leading article got it the wrong way round. Had more parochial church councils shown some stiffness in resisting the introduction of the Alternative Service Book we would not be in this mess now. Who else but the bishops started it

all? Three cheers for Bristol and the royal family. Yours faithfully. FRED WOOD. Hackney Plat.

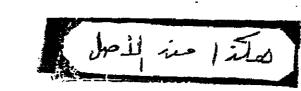
Congleton Lane. Siddington, Nr Macclesfield, Cheshire.

From Mr Paul W. Matcham Sir. Matcham's key principle provides that when with fully-laden right arm one is looking for a key, it is to be found in a right-hand pocket.

Yours etc. PAUL W. MATCHAM. Windfell, Windsor Lane, Little Kingshill. Great Missenden. Buckinghamshire.

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Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -(071) 782 5046.



Weekend

birthdays

Connery, actor, 29; Mr Neville Duke, former test pilot, 70; Air Marshal Sir Reginald Emson,

80; Mr A.A. Gray, former chairman, Wellcome Foundation, 80.

Lord Jacques, 87; Sir Alastair Morton, British chairman.

Eurotunnel, 54; Sir Anthony Nut-

ting, former MP, 72; Mr Jim

Perris, governor, Wormwood Scrubs, 50; Mr Bryan Robson, footballer, 35: Air Chief Marshal

Sir John Rogers, 64: Mr Arthur

Scargill trades unionist. 54: Mr John Sessions, actor and com-edian. 39: Air Commodore Joy

Tamblin, former director, WRAF.

66: Mr R.C. Tress, former mas-

TOMORROW: Mr Anthony An-

drews, actor, 44; Mr Ernest Armstrong, former MP, 77; Mr

Michael Aspel, broadcaster, 59;

Sir Charles Ball, company direc-

tor. 68: Mr H.G.H. Barratt, trades unionist, 87: Lord Board-

man. 73: Mr P.W. Botha, former

South African president, 76: Sir James Bottomley, diplomat, 72: Air Vice-Marshal S.O. Bufton,

84: the Hon Sir Richard Butler.

former president, National Farm-

ers' Union, 63: Mr James Byam

Shaw, art historian, 89; Miss

Stella Cunliffe, statistician, 75;

Mr K. Dawson, headmaster, Haberdashers' Aske's School, 55:

Mr Brendan Fosier, athlete, 44. Mr Joe Frazier, boxer, 48;

Baroness Hamwee, 45; Baroness

Hillon of Eggardon, 56; Miss

Anne Howells, concert and opera

singer, 51; Lord Justice McCowan, 64; Mr Denys Milne,

former managing director, BP

Oil, 66; Mr James Mortimer

formet general secretary, Labou

entertainer, 60: Sir John Rennie.

former governor-general, Mau-ritius. 75: Sir Terence Streeton, diplomat, 62: Mr Justice Swinton

Mr David Mackay, chief executive of the North East River Purification Board, has been

appointed visiting professor in

aquatic environmental manage

ment in the Institute of Aqua-

University news

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ter, Birkbeck College, 77.

COURT CIRCULAR

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

January 10: The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, this evening attended a concert by the Birmingham Chamber Orchestra at the International Conference Centre, Birmingham and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the West Midlands (The Earl of Aylesford).

Mrs Fiona Henderson was in

Service dinners

RN College Greenwich Commander E. M. Searle, Commander of the Royal Naval College Greenwich, presided at the annual officers' dinner of the Royal Naval Reserve Public Affairs Branch held last night at the college. Major-General Julian Thompson also spoke. Lord Ster-ling of Plaistow, Mr Anthony nont-Dark, MP, and Com mander WJ. Ellison, WRNR, were among the other guests.

RAF Support Command
Wing Commander Barry Jones presided at a guest night dinner given by officers and ladies of Brampton Park Officers' Mess last night at RAF Brampton to mark the retirement of Air Vice-Marshal M.J.C.W. Dicken, Air Officer Administration, Air Vice-Marshal D.B.A.L. Davies, Principal Medical Officer, and Air Commodore D.C. Collins, Air Commodore Supply and Move-ments. Air Marshal Sir John Thomson. Commander-in-Chief. RAF Support Command, also spoke. Air Chief Marshai Sir Michael Graydon, Commander-in-Chief, RAF Strike Command. was also a guest.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of York, as Patron-in-Chief of the British Schools Exploring Society, will attend an audio-visual presentation at the Royal Geographical Society at

attend a concert given by the City of Birmingham Symphony Or-chestra at the Symphony Hall, Birmingham, at 7.00.

Anniversaries

Today BIRTHS: II Parmiglanino. John Macdonald, first prime minister of Canada 1867-73, 1878-91, Glasgow, 1815; Fred Archer, champion jockey, Prestbury, Gloucestershire, 1857; Curzon, Marquess Curzon of Kedleston, viceroy of India 1898-1905, Kedleston Hall, Derbyshire, 1859; Harry Gordon

store bearing his name, Ripon, Wisconsin, 1864. DEATHS: Sir Hans Sloane, physician and collector, London, 1753; Louis François Roubiliac. sculptor, London, 1762; Domenico Cimarosa, composer, Venphilosopher and historian, Dresden. 1829; Thomas Hardy, novelist and poet, Dorchester, 1928; Hugh Gaitskell, leader of the Labour Party 1955-63, London, 1963; Lai Bahadur Shastri.

Selfridge, founder of the London

prime minister of India 1964-66, Tashkent, 1966: Alberto Giacometti, sculptor, Chur, Switzerland, 1966; Padraic Colum, poet Enfield, Connecticut, 1972.

The first lottery in England was drawn, 1569.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: Jean Baptiste van Helmont, chemist, Brussels, 1580: Edmund Burke, statesman, Dublin, 1729; Johann Pestalozzi, educator, Zurich, 1746; John Singer Sargent, portrait painter, Florence, 1856; Sir Charles Oman, historian, Mozufferpore, India, 1860; Jack London, novelist, San Francisco. 1876; Ference Molnar, dramatist, Budapest, 1878.

DEATHS: Nevil Shute, novelist and aeronautical engineer, Melbourne, 1960: Dame Agatha Christie, Wallingford, Oxfordshire, 1976.

Archaeology

Judging the impact of man's advance

BY NORMAN HAMMOND ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE DATE of human settlement of Madagascar has years ago. Radiocarbon dating of the butchered bones of an extinct dwarf hippopotamus suggests that people arrived at the Indian Ocean island around the time of Christ, at least five centuries carlier than had previously

been thought. The fossil bones were collected at the turn of the century by French scientists and stored in Paris. They were relocated by Dr R. McPhee, of the American Museum of Natural History, and traced to sites at Lamboharana and Ambolisatra on the southwest coast

of Madagascar. Deep cuts "made by the hand of man" had been noted by M Grandidier when he collected the bones, but he was unable to date them. There has long been a consensus, say Dr McPhee and his colleague, Dr David Burney, that the dwarf hippopot-amus and more than 20 other species became extinct shortly after the first humans

reached Madagascar. Microscopic analysis of the cuts showed that they were made in fresh bone by metal tools. By dating tiny samples of bone in the radiccarbon accelerators at the universities of Arizona and Toronto, they were able to place the death of one of the hippos between 2.100 and 1,900 years ago, and another some three centuries later.

"This means that the minimum estimate for initial human presence in Madagascar should now be set around two thousand years ago," the investigators say. They estimate that it took only a thousand years for nearly two dozen species to become extinct, compared with three centuries for the extinction of the moa bird after the Maori arrived in New Zealand.

These new data will renew the controversy over the exunction of the megafauna in North America, including the mastodon and the native horse. Professor Paul Martin, of the University of Arizona. suggested that a blitzkrieg advance of humans southwards, spanning the whole of the Americas in little over a millennium, was responsible for the extinctions. Other scholars argue that climatic change was responsible, and that many extinguished spe-

cies were not hunted by early Native Americans. The Malagasy evidence suggests that a blitzkreig model is valid for large islands: the debate will now centre on whether it can apply at a continental scale. Source: Journal of Archaeological Science 18: 695-706.

OBITUARIES

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Frank Garvin Yerby, black American historical novelist. died in Madrid on November 29 aged 75. He was born in Augusta, Georgia, on September 5, 1916.

TODAY: The Right Rev J.A. Baker, Bishop of Salisbury, 64: Mr.J. Rashleigh Belcher, thoracic surgeon, 75; Sir Alan Bowness, former director. Tate Gallery, 64: Mr. Hann Caril, racehorse THE news of Frank Yerby's death was delayed by his widow for some weeks at his own request. He asked that he Mr Henry Cecil, racehorse trainer, and Mr David Cecil. racehorse breeder, 49; Mr Jason might be buried in "complete privacy". Since the 1946 publication of his first historical novel, The Faxes of Harrow. Yerby was one of the most successful of fully literate popular authors: his total sales exceeded 60 million and his works (more than 30 novels) were translated into 30 languages.

Yerby was no ordinary popular writer. Apart from being villified by fellow-blacks (and some others) for "superficial research, melodramatic plotting, purple prose and subfreshman grammar, comicbook characterisation, and, above all, betrayal of his negritude". Yerby perpetually sought to write seriously and, perhaps unexpectedly, he was perfectly capable of it, as a few of his later novels clearly demonstrate.

He gained his first degree from Paine College, Augusta, in 1937; he went on from there to Fisk College in Nashville. Tennessee to take his MA (1938). He worked as a university teacher at Baton Rouge and elsewhere until 1941. During the war he was a laboratory technician for the Ford Motor Company. He became a full-time writer

in 1945. Yerby had published a single short story, "The Thunder of God", in the Chicago New Anvil magazine in 1939, but what seemed to further his career as a black writer of consequence was his second story, "Health Card", still



FRANK YERBY

memorable. This account of the humiliation of a black couple by police was published in the O. Henry Award Prize Stories 1944. It was followed by three more, highly esteemed stories of the same sort, the last of which, "My Brother Went to College", appeared in Black

American Literature: Fiction as late as 1969. But Yerby had married in 1941, and now had children to educate. He set himself a task of writing, frankly for money, an escapist romance of the south after the civil war. The result was The Foxes of Harrow (1946), and he found that he could not afford to look back. It had soon sold a million copies, and the film, directed by John M. Stahl, was released in 1947.

There were to be more films, and such titles as The Saracen Blade (1952), Bride of Liberty (1954) and The Serpent and the Staff (1958) were predictable enough. Yet Yerby was well aware that these books were close to trash, and even gave a cynical account of the formula for his costume novels" in a celebrated and rather bitter article in Harper's in 1959.

producing many more of them, he claimed that they were "entertainment"... "in the sense that Graham Greene uses the word", and that he was "not ashamed". However, he added that he hoped in the future to concentrate on "more serious work. Present day taxation makes writing 'entertainments' worth neither the boredom nor the bother."

Twenty years later, after

It remains to be said that, as a critic pointed out, Yerby's costume romances do differ from much other such material in several respects: "Yezby's heroes are not faithful, the heroines not virtnous... the 'colourful milieu' is sordid, the upper classes are mean-spirited, bigoted and greedy."

There was no reason to expect such a writer to produce subsequently "serious fiction". Yet he almost did. The Dahomean (1971 published in Britain as The Man from Dahomey), a long account of the making of an African chief, and his only book entirely about negroes. is badly written and vitiated by its too painstaking and unnecessary recourse to anthropological sources. But it is moving and controlled - a ousand miles away from his melodramatic costume. pieces. Judas, my brother (1969), set in the first century, was another novel of genuine

Yerby early went to live in France while his four children by his first wife, the former Flora Helen Claire Williams, were educated in Switzerland. He settled in Spain for good in 1954, and in 1956, his first marriage having ended in divorce, he married the former Blanca. Calle Perez who survives him.

ELIZABETH **DUCKWORTH**

Elizabeth Duckworth. London society cook, died on December 6 at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington aged 84. She was born on January 1, 1907.

TO MANY who lived and moved in London society from the 1930s to the 1970s. the death of Elizabeth Duckworth will seem like the end of an era. A resident of Mayfair for 56 years, she was one of the great characters of its Upstairs, Downstairs world. Officially, she be-longed downstairs, but she was never a respecter of persons. Her grandeur of spirit, and sometimes manner. made her as much at home upstairs - in the drawingroom with royalty, the rich. famous and occasionally infamous - as she was in the kitchens she ruled so regally.

Elizabeth Irene Green was born at Peterstow, Ross-on-Wye, and the Herefordshire accent she retained all her life gave an emphasis and authority to her pronouncements. And pronouncements they were she demanded a healthy respect on the part of the listener.

In 1928, at the age of 21, she joined the Ascot household of George Hay Whigham, founder and chairman of British Celanese. Their only child, Margaret Whigham, an outstanding beauty, became Britain's debutante of the year in 1930. She married the American golf champion Charles Sweeny in a ceremony which had the crowds jamming the streets outside Brompton Or-

In 1932 Elizabeth Green married the Whighams' butler, Leslie Duckworth, and in 1935 the Duckworths took over the running of the Whighams' Mayfair house, 48 Upper Grosvenor Street. On their death this passed into the ownership of Margaret Sweeny, who in 1951 became the third wife of the 11th Duke of Argyll. The Duckworths stayed with the family.

Mrs Duckworth was far more than merely the duch-ess's cook and housekeeper... She was a friend and confidante, and during her employer's extensive foreign travels, became a mother-figure to the duchess's two child ren by her first marriage. Brian Sweeny, and Frances, now the Duchess of Rutland

In her 40-year reign at Upper Grosvenor Street, Mrs. Duckworth cooked for royaly. Ior many members of the cabinet, for Hollywood film stars, and for a procession of appreciative tycoons. The society photographer Brodrick Haldane, a frequent guest, said: "She was an artist with food. It was not merely a question of taste but of presentation. The appearance of every dish, both in arrangement and colour, was exquisite."

In 1956, when Leslie Duckworth collapsed and died from a sudden heart attack at nine o'clock in the morning, she continued her cooking of the ducal breakfast, observing sadly: "Life has to go on and people have

to eat." In 1963 the Duke of Argyll's divorce action against his wife developed into a major society scandal. Mrs Duckworth immediately sided with the duchess and was unswerving in her support. yet she never entirely lost her affection for the duke and regularly paid tribute to his charm.

In 1974, she retired to her own apartment in Balderton Street, Mayfair, opposite Selfridges, but continued to make weekly tours of inspection of the duchess's house, casting a critical eye over the methods of her successor. These continued when the duchess moved in 1978 to a penthouse in Grosvenor House Hotel.

in 1986, when the duchess published My Dinner Party Book, it contained a tribute to Mrs Duckworth, my wonderful housekeeper ... generally acknowledged as one of the best cooks in London". as. well as 37 of her best recipes. Elizabeth Duckworth was one of the few people who



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iever appeared to be in awe of the duchess. She frequently corrected her or told her she was ill-advised, yet behind this severity lay a deep devotion and affection. When, in 1990, financial problems forced the duchess to exchange the splendour of Grosvenor House for the refuge of a nursing home in Pimlico, much of Mrs Duckworth's raison d'être seemed to depart as well. The North-Brooke, her Member of Parliament, stepped in to replace the modest pension the duchess could no longer pay her. But after 62 years contact with her employer had been severed and the last two years of her life were overshadowed by loneliness. She had no

THE RT REV HUBERT HIGGS structures. His finest work

The Right Rev Hubert Higgs. Bishop Suffragan of Hull from 1965 to 1976, died on January 4 aged 80. He was born on November 23, 1911.

HUBERT Higgs became Bishop Suffragan of Hull at a time of great change for the city, whose pride was in its fishing fleet. When in the terrible winter of 1967-8 three trawlers were lost off iceland, the whole city grieved. The Bishop came to be seen as a father figure who not only comforted individuals in their loss but who in the midst of Hull's changing fortunes also worked with industrialists, academics and city fathers to help the locality

to a new self-confidence. Hubert Laurence Higgs was a Londoner, educated at University College School. where he was school captain and an energetic member of the 1st XV. He continued to play rugby at Cambridge for Christ's College, of which he was a scholar and where he achieved a "double first" in classics and theology, before moving to Ridley Hall for

ordination training. He served curacies at Richmond, Kensington and Boscombe. In Winchester diocese he was joint secretary of the youth council, an early recognition of his ability in ministering to young men and women. Throughout the



war he was vicar of the evangelical parish of Holy Trinity, Aldershot, where his church became a home-from-home for many of those who found themselves called up and sent to Aldershot for training. As a civilian, Higgs was able to provide many of them with a steadying friendship as well as moral support. After the war he became

editorial secretary of the Church Missionary Society at a time when, under the powerful leadership of Sir Kenneth Grubb and Canon Max Warren, the CMS was busy preparing the way for the effects of de-colonisation and for the strengthening of indigenous leadership. But Higgs never really saw himself as a staff officer behind

the lines and so it was not long before he was back in the front line of the parochial ministry as vicar of St John's, Woking. Here he had wider scope for his gifts and was appointed rural dean and elected as one of the four representatives of the Guildford clergy on the Church Assembly.

In 1957 Bishop Coggan Bradford, a comparatively small diocese where they worked happily together. Eight years later Dr Donald Coggan, having moved on to York, nominated Higgs to the suffragan bishopric of Hull.

Higgs was entirely lacking in pretension or pomposity but his fatherly sensitivity brought out the best in people and evoked their affection and support. Higgs concen-trated much on his local tasks and was not one to seek advancement beyond his immediate responsibilities. As part of the team of bishops working with the Archbishop of York he was in charge of the day-to-day administration of the church in the old East Riding with a great influence on policy formation.

As the concept of Humberside grew, his deep voice hecame familiar on local radio. At the same time he was sponsoring a detailed new strategy for each parish and experimenting with new team

was probably the encouragement, both in Bradford and York, of ordinands and younger clergy. He never paraded his

scholarship, but he had a way with words and an impish sense of humour that helped him to meet junior arrogance with the mature simplicity of a truly godly man.

disappointed that he never

quite seemed to fulfil his potential, others of them knew that he was a very popular bishop with whom people feit relaxed and at home. His unpretentious style and his ability never to speak over. neople's heads led to his being greatly loved by both laity and clergy who also appreciated the hospitality which he and his wife provided so regularly. Many will remember Higgs for his great sense of furi and for his love of puns, in which he took an almost schoolboy delight.

Characteristically, when he retired at the age of 65 he settled in the depths of the Suffolk countryside where he exercised a quiet and modest retirement ministry for another 15 years.

He married Elizabeth Rogers in 1936. She survives him, together with a daughter and

COL MARTIN GRAFTON

MARTIN Grafton, who believed that a man should exaggerate his age, so that others might say "how young he looks", surely would have enjoyed the irony of having his own age at departure recorded (obituary, January 3) as 83 and not 72. (His correct date of birth is June 28. 1919). Certainly he would bear no malice. Everyone was allowed one mistake which

was attributed to "Fred". His staff repaid this kindly tolerance with respect, affection and loyalty. An example of this is that when he retired from his last job at NFBTE in 1979, not only was he feted there, but the staff at John Lewis, where he had not worked for over 15 years, also clubbed together to put on a party for him. He was a man of great ebullience. Those of us who knew him profit from having done so.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr K.D. Broadfoose-Brown and Miss M.A. Weir

The engagement is announced between Keith Douglas, only son of Mr and Mrs B.K. Broadloote-Brown, of Johannesburg, South Africa, and Margaret (Meg) Alexandra, daughter of Rear Admiral and Mrs A.F.R. Weir, of Tipton, St Kew, Cornwall. Dr M.J. Campbell

and Dr A.M. Campbell
The engagement is announced
between Michael, son of Mrs Dewen Michael soft to Mis-D.M. Campbell and the late Mr W.A. Campbell, of Tangmere, near Chichester, Sussex, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.F. Campbell, of Reskadinnick, Camborne, Cornwall. Mr R.J. Colloredo-Mansfeld

and Miss F.N.R. Varcoe The engagement is announced between Rudi. son of Mr and Mrs F. Colloredo-Mansfeld, of Hamilton, USA, and Chesca, elder daughter of Mr J. Varcoe and the late Mrs W. Varcoe, of

Mr. D. Cullen and Miss A.H. Carlile The engagement is announced between Del, son of Mr and Mrs

Derek Cullen, of Winchmore Hill. London, N2I, and Anna, eldes daughter of Mr and Mrs Alexander Carlile. of Berriew. Montgomeryshire. Mr S.J.M. Evans and Miss J.M. Hussey The engagement is announced between Simon son of Dr

Morton Evans and the late Mrs Shella Evans, of Denbigh, Clwyd,

and Julie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ralph Hussey, of

Croxley Green. Hertfordshire.

Mr H.M. Frest and Miss T.E. Strangeways The engagement is announced

The engagement is amounced between Hugh, elder son of Mr T.M. Frost, of Evershot, Dorset, and Mrs E.J.P. Frost, of South Perroit, Dorset, and Tessa, daughter of Dr and Mrs P.R. Strangeways, of Warminster, Wikshire.

and Miss A.J.E. McBor The engagement is announced Kirkheim, Germany, and Mandy, only daughter of the late Brigadier A.H.S. Mellor, OBE, and of Mrs Andrew Parrick, of Kencot Lechlade,

Captain T.D. Hyans and Miss Z.L. Mack

The engagement is announced between Timothy David Hyarus. 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, son of Mr and Mrs David Hyams, of Seer Green, Buckinghamshire, and Zoe Lavinia, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Mack, of Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

Mr I.J. Lindsay and Miss J. Gad

The engagement is announced hetween Ivan. eldest son of the Hon Thomas and Mrs Lindsay of The Old Rectory. Ashmore. Salisbury. Wiltshire and Julie. daughter of Mr and Mrs Mads Mr G. Laongo and Miss C-J. West

The engagement is announced between Gippiao, son of Enrico and Antonietta Luongo, of Nottingham, and Candida-Jane. younger daughter of Keith and Patricia West, of Tenerife. Canary Mr A.P. Magni

The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs G.O. Mason, of Caldy, Wirral, and Susie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M.A. Elmit, of West Hill Park, Titchfield,

Mr JJ. Morgan-Smith

and Miss S.A. Elmitt

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Morgan-Smith, of Clatford, Marlborough, and Charlone, daughter of Mrs Elizabeth Mansell of Withycombe Barron, Exmouth, and Mr Guy Mansell, of Covent Garden.

Mr M.A. Osbocu and Miss B.H. Lloyd

The engagement is announced, with great pleasure, between Mark youngest son of Mr and Mrs D.J. Osborn, of Lincoln, and Bryony, daughter of Dr and Mrs J.B.F. Lloyd, of Oldbury. West

Mr G.L. Pater: and Miss M.C. Berne

The engagement is announced between Guy, younger son of Mrs P.M. and the late Mr H.N.C. Paterson, of Sunningdale, Berkshire, and Marion, daughter of Mr and Mrs F.W. Brune, of and Miss T.E. Lambert

The engagement is announced between Clive, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Redshaw, of Lockerley. Hampshire, and Tessa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Lambert, of Stretched Lambert, of Stockbridge, Hampshire.

Mr A.K. Roach and Miss Y.D. Squire The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr C.S. Roach and Mrs P.A.K. Roach, of Cheltenham, and Yvonne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P.T. Squire, of Bradford

Dr G. Skinner and Miss C.C. Bendey

On Avon

The engagement is announced between Guy, second son of the hate Mr Peter Shinner and of Mrs Judy Cutter and stepson of Mr. Brian Cutter, of Chawton. Hampshire, and Clare, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Clifford Bentley, of Edgbaston,

Mr R.A. Spaiding and Miss N.M. Morrison The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Spakling, o Corsley, Wiltshire, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Morrison, of Cults, Aberdeen.

Mr W.J.S. Stephenson and Miss S.E.A. Moylen

The engagement is announced between William, only son of MI and Mrs John Stephenson, of Wylam, Northumberland, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Lloyd Moylan, of Wells.

Major R.M.McQ. Sykes and Miss A.S.V. Hennebry

The engagement is announced between Major Matthew Sykes, Royal Horse Artillery, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.C.M. Sykes, of Chelsea, London, and Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs T.M. Hennebry, of Ealing, London.

Dr M.S. Williams d Dr E.J. Milner-Gulland The engagement is announced between Martin, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Williams, of Epsom Downs, Surrey, and Eleanor Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Milner-Gulland, of Washington, Pulborough, Sussex

Marriage

Colonel H. Kelly The marriage took place on Wednesday, January 8, 1992, at St George's Church, Douglas, Isle of Man. between Colonel Henry Kelly, of Ballaqueeney Lodge, Douglas, and Mrs Joan Johnson, of Sandiford Couage, Holmes Chapel, Cheshire, The Ven David Willinghiby, Archieses of the State of the Chapel Cheshire. The Ven David Willinghiby, Archieses of the State of the St Willoughby. Archdeacon of the Isle of Man, officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her son, Mr Peter Johnson and was attended by her daughter-in-law, Mrs Sonia Johnson, Mr William Kelly, the bridegroom's nephew, was best

Appointment

Dr Hilary Nicolle to be Chief Executive of the School Examinations Assessment Council

Dinners

HM Government

Mr John Wakeham, Secretary of State for Energy, and the Hon Tim Sainsbury, Minister for Trade, presided at a dinner given I race, president at a unitar given by Her Majesty's Government last night at Lamcaster House in honour of Mr Kozo Watanabe, Minister for International Trade and Industry of Japan.

The Association of Anzesthetists

The Association of Amaesthetists held its Diamond Jubilee Dinner last night at the New Connaught Rooms, London. The President, Or P.J.F. Baskett, received the guests who included:

profess who tactuded:

Professor and Mrs A. A Spence Lieusenant General Sh Peter and Ledy Beale, Dr and Mrs K. C. Calman, Professor Snd Mrs D. Calman, Sir Alex and Lady Mrs D. Chamberlain, Sir Alex and Lady Syles, His Research of Guttan and Lady Syles, His Research Mrs 15 M Zorah, Mr and Mrs W. K. Reid, Ca. Professor Geneviewe Barrier, Dr Jeremy Lee Poust, Dr Annelez Mcursing, Dr Harnh Lip.

The Sherlock Holmes Society of Loadon The 40th Anniversary Dinner of

the Sherlock Holmes Society of London took place at the Langham Hilton Hotel, London, on January 10, 1992. The Chairman, Mrs Shirley Purves, presided. The Loyal Toast was proposed by the President. Mr Frank Allen, and the Guest of Hongar Loyal Deader. Honour, Lord Deedes, proposed the toast to the Immortal Memory. Other speakers were Mrs. Alfreda Howlett, Mr Colin Pres-tige and Mr Torry Medawar. Dame Jean Conan Doyle and Lady Patricia Gore Booth were the other principal guests.

TRUSTEE ACTS

BROOKER COLIN. STLART of 16 Winston Crescral Last botume End Sussex deed on 19th August 1991 Parliculary. 16 Peters & Peters Solicitory, of 2 Harrewood Place Hanover Square London W.18 9HE before 12th Marra 1992

CHADFIELD. GEORGE of 44 Lubennam Hill. Market Harborough Lexester-ture died on 19 7 91 Particulars to Philip. Harmond & Nov. Solicitors of 47 Friar Lane Lucester before 27th March 1992.

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HULLYER MARGARET HELENA of 51 Priory Road, Hardwor Gosport, Hampshire det on 12th February 1918 Particular, to Donne Micham & Haddet Solic tions of 22/25 Frederick Place, Brighton EN1 14T before 12th March 1992

HOWE, AMY WINTERED of 42 Glen Park Avenue, Chinhald Letes died on 21st December 1991: Particulars to Prolip 3 Hammond & Sons, Soligitors of 47 Friar Lane, Lexenster before 27th March 1992

Church services tomorrow

First Sunday after Epiphany

ASECT Epiphany

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WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Masses 7, 8, 9,
12, 5.30 & 7; 10.30 SPA, Missa brevis (Palestina),
Mosanna to the Son of David (Gibbons, Final
Hosanna to the

DVINE LRUPS.

RUSSIAN OFTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DORALITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD. Ennisment Gdm. SWT: 10.30 Divine Liturg.

SERBAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST SAVVA, Lancester Rd. W11: 10.30 Divine Liturgs.

THE CHAPEL BOYAL, St. James's Palace 8.30 HC, 11.15 MP, Let the People Praise Theo (Maintais), Ven E J G Ward, ROYAL HOSFITAL, Chelses, SW3: 11 M, Riessed Birth (Waldord Davies), This sum miners (Esquivel), Pague on Bach (Merkel), The Chapital. QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 M. Te Denna (Stanfort in B. flat), Loi star-led chiefs (Crossh), Preb J Gaskell. (Consch), Freb J Caskell:

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL Greenwich,

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Three Kings (Cornelins), The Chaptain,

GUARDS CRAPEL Weltingson Barracks, SWII

11 M. The singes one to Jordan came (Angers Melody). To Deam, Onnese & Saha venten,

Handell, The Chaptain; 12 BC (said).

TOWER OF LONDON, ECS. 11 M & Sermon,

Responses (Gibbons & Barrard), Gibbons Short

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TEMPLE CHURCE, Fleet Street, EOA: 8.30 HC;
11.15 MP, Omnes de Saba venient (Randi).
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(Mathias in C. Juhilane Deo (Dyson in D), . . . The
Manner. MASSE;

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9 HC &
12.15; 11 M., Rev D MacKenzie.
CHAPEL, ROYAL Hampton Court Palace: 8.30
HC, 11 M., Collegium Eegale (Howells), From the
rising (Ouseley); 3.30 E, Landate nomen domind
(Fyel, Watton in E. O God who by the leading of
a SIRY (Attwood).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: [1 5 Such, Rev CARDOR S VAIR CRUIN.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8 & 5,15 124;
11 HM, Messe Solemneite (Langlais), Videnses
stellam (Poutend, Rev P McGeary; 6 E & R, Wood
in F, Videntes stellam (Palestrina), The Vicar.
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Cheyno Walt, Swit; 8
& 12 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 M, Preb C E L
Thomson, 6 E, Preb C E L Thomson.
CHRIST CHURCH, CHERGEA, 5W1: 11 & Bueb. CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, 5W3: 11 S Buch,

GEOSVANOR CHAPPI. South Andley Street.

8.15 HC 11 S Ench. Missa Ave Maria Stella
(Victoria). Tribus Miracuits (Marenzie).
Offeriolite (Comperin). Rev A W Maria.

BOLY TERMITY. Brompton Read, SW7: 10.30
Pamily & HC, Rev J Moore.

8.30 Informal
Service. Rev J Moore. HOLY TRUMTY, Prince Content Food, SW7: 8-30 k 12.05 HC: 11 MP. Rev Dr M Israel HOLY TRUE IT MY, REV DT M ISTAG.
HOLY TRUETY, SLORUE STREET, SWI: R.30, 12:10
HC 10.30 S EUCH. REV E YRIGE.
ST ALBANYS, Brocks St. BCI: 9.30 SM: 11 HM,
Missa O TREPRIEM INVESTIGAT (VICTORIA). REV E
MOUTES: 5.30 LM.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC: 9 HC. 11 M, The Rector 6-30 E. The Rector: ECT: 9 HC. 11 M. The Recing 6-30 E. The Rocine. 9T BRIDDER, Piect Sirrer, ECt: 11 Choral M & Boch., publisher (Stanford in B-122). Robinson in C. Pants Americans Granch, Canon J Cours; 6-30 Choral E. Echly in G. Lo. Mar-led Chiefs (Crousla, Stally Where is he been (Mendalmohn), Canon. J Cours.

Obne.
FT CUTEMERT'S. Philipsoch Gardens SW8: 10
RC: | | S Euch. Daries in A minor, O worship the
Lord (Travers). Rev J Vins.
ST GEORGI'S, Evocumbury, WC|: 18 Euch; 6:30
EP, Fr M Day. EP, Pr M Day.

ST GEORGE'S, HARDOW'S SQUARE, WI 8-30 RC: 1 5 Each, Betten Short Service, A. Channel de Sabe venient (Hand). The Recor.

ST GLIES-IN-THE-PRICOS, ST GLIES High St. WCE: 8 & 12 HC 11 MT. 6,30 EP.

ST JAMES'S, MUSHWI BEE, NO. 8 HG, 10.30 MC, Rev G Williams: 6,30 EP, Prés M Sunker.

ST JAMES'S, PICKERIN, WI 8-30 RC: 11 8 Ench.

PERSONNE ST JAMES'S, PROSENSION S. S. R. C. 11 8 Ench.

PERSONNE STANDARD ST PERSONE EXECUTE: 5.43 EP.

\$T JAMEST, Susses, Gandens, Whe & HC: 10.30 S

Euch. Messa di Gioria (Pucchi), Eing Hennd and
the Cock (Waiton), Bw G Backle & Choral, \$.

Noble in B minor, Loi star-led chiefs (Cresch).

(Said), 10 Parien Communion, Mrs Jill Carman; 6-JO ES, Rev O BOSS. 8T JOHN THE RAPTIST, Holland Rd, W14: 10 Mass (Latin), 11 SM; 6 V & B. ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NWE S NC 9.30 Parish Communion: 11 S Each, Schebert in C. Rev D Frith.

REV D FILM.

FIT LUBERS, Chelses, SWI: \$ RC. 10.30 MP & HC.

REV D Wasson, Darke in F, The three Kings

(Comelius): 6.30 Choral E, Banfard in C. Lock

up sweet babe (Berieley), Mr S Cade. FT MARE'S, Regens Park Ed, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family HC; 11 8 Euch, Missa Sancia Jeannis de Deo (Haydin), Lo, star-led chiefs (Croech), Rev K With Margarets, Westminster, FW1: 11 Choral M. Responses (Clucas). Three Kings come on the Welfin day (Kellam). Rev P Chester, 12.15 HC.

This description of shating in Hyde

Park carries an almost Dickensian

flavour. The "icemen" of the Royal

Humane Society were kept busy, for

some had to be on duty early in the

morning to ensure that safety of

bathers in a stretch of water kept

THE WEATHER

AND THE PARKS

The dense fog that prevailed during

the greater part of yesterday considerably thinned the concourse which

now daily resorts to the metropoli-tan parks to enjoy the invigorating

exercises of skating and sliding. During the forenoon, indeed, the fog was too mild to interfere seriously

with those recreations, but at 2

o'clock it greatly increased in densi-

ty, and soon enveloped the earth in

that sickly yellow pall which turns the unhappy Londoners' day into

the murkiest night, and half stifles

The sudden darkness drove thou-

sands from the ice who could not

obtain at so early an hour those

artificial means of illumination

which had been stored up by many a

provident "link merchant" for the lively demand of the evening. The

fog remained at its worst for about

an hour and a half, and, having

somewhat cleared by 4 o'clock, it

thence continued in a modified

form till close upon midnight. The

thermometer was also low all day.

At 9am the mercury stood at 19; at

noon it did not rise above 20; at 8pm

it had dropped again to 19; with

every indication of sinking much

further. But, if the sky was much

obscured during the days, the condition of the ice was admirable.

In Hyde Park it was in many

parts 11 inches thick, with only a

few unsound spots towards the east

him with its noxious vapour.

specially for them.

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ST MARTININ-THE-FIELDS, WCI: 8 HC 9.45 Euch, Very Rev G Henwood; 11 30 Visitory in London Service, Rev M Henwood; 2.45 Chinese R: 6.30 ES, Very Rev G Henwood. London Service, Bev M Henwood; 245 Chimer E 6.30 ES, very Rev G Henwood; 345 Chimer E 6.30 ES, very Rev G Henwood; 8 à 12.30 HC 9.30 Parish Euch, The Vicar: 11.15 M, The Vicar: 6.30 F, Mr P rain.

ST MARY'S, Primuse Hill, NWS: 8 HC: 10.30 Parish Euch, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Rev L Van der Pump.

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ST MARY'LEBONE, Maryichome Road, W1: 8 HC: 11 Chorat Euch: Magnum Myserfina, (Victoria), The Rection; 6.30 EP.

ST MARY'LEBONE, Maryichome Road, W1: 8 HC: 11 S Communion, Rev E Thompson.

ST MARY'LESTRAND (WENS Church), Strand WC: 11 S Communion, Rev E Thompson.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SWI: 8.15 & 11 HG; 71 Informal Es at Grey Cost Hospital School, Graham Terrace, SWI and at 2 Inness the Lew Church, Vanshan Bridge Road, SWI (RIC).

ST MCCHAEL'S, Cornelli, Ect: 11 Choral M, Responses Quinciey, Sing Lailaby (Howells, Te Deum & Jubilate Boyce in G, Lei star-led chiefs (Crockle 12 HC.

ST PAULYS, Onslow Square, SWI: 8 & 9 HC: 11 Solema Ench, Missa Brevis in F (Raydol, Rt Rev S Pripps, Solemn Ench. Missa blevis in a William Shippi.

3 Phippi.

3 Priters, Eston Square. Swi: 8.15 HC: 10

Family Mass: 11 SM. Missa Aspice Domine (Palestina). Reges Thatsis (Sheppand). Pr D Tulyes.

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Tulyes. Missa Success Milner Street, SWR: 8 HC:

TOTEL ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW2 8 HC.

11 MP. I will give thanks (Purcell). The Heavens
are telling (Haydin), 6.30 E, Rev G Saines.

57 STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8 & 0
Liki 11 SM, Missa Brevis in 8 fail (Mozard, Ave
Verum (Mozard, Bishop of London: 6 EP & B.

ST VEDMAST, Poster Lane, EC2: 11 Sung Mass.
Rev R Avent. CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. COVERS GARSEN, WCZ: 11.15 & 6.30 Rev H Stanley C Hood.

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's

Wood: 10.45, Missa Qual e piu grande amor

Palestrinal, Gloris in excelsis (Nanizh,

CHURCH OF OUE MOST HOUT REDREMER,

Cheyne Row, 5W3: 10, 11, 12.15, 6.30, Pr P

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FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Caca Disordio, Ego sun panis (Esquivel), Jesu dukis memoria (Vistoria). THE ORATORY, ROUDION ROAD, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Jakisse Papae Marcelli (Palestrina). Queen vidicitis passures (Victoria), 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & 8, Sichi cervus (Palestrina), 5.30 V & 8, Sichi cervus (Palestrina). ST ETHELDEZDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Sung Mass, Mass in D (Rinson), Are Jesu Christo (Pridips), Pague on Bach (Scharmann).

ST MARY'S, Cadogan Street, SW3: Mass 8.30, 10, 11, Mass for four voices (Heredia), Cantenns Domine (Brunein), Sone Pastor (Tallis), 12.15, 6.30.

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Ecnsingson High Street, Wi: 6.30 LM (Sat): 8.30, 10, 12.30, 6.50. LM: 11.15 SM (Bath). AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottocham Cour Rd, WI: 9.45 Sunday School: 11 Worship, Rev R Allison. REV R AILSON.
CITY TEMPLE, HOIDOM, ECI: 10.30, Rev J Hall.
CHELSEA METHODIST CRURCE, King's Road,
SW3: 11, Rev Dr G Lovel: 6 HC, Rev M Braddy.
RINDE STREET METHODIST CRURCEL WI: 11.
REV P HOSE & REV B MCCTOFIC 6.30, REV M
RINDHWEIT.

KENSINGTON ORC, Alien Street, W8: 11, Ray P Lovein. There is no evening service. RESERT SQUARE URC (Presbyering Congressional), Taylonck Place, WCI: 11, Rev Dr R Scoper, 5.30, Mrs F Dresser.
SAUVATION ARMY FRESCHIEF, CRICK St. WI: 11 & 6.30 Major C Humi.
ST ANDREW'S URC, Prognal Lane NWA: 11 Rev Dr P Morgan.
ST ANDRE AND ST AGNES (Lordsona), Crestam ST, ECC 11 Choral HC, Rev W D Swanson; 7 Choral Vespers, Wie schin leuchner day Morganstern (Suzuelrade), Luke-Book Lulisby, Rev H Petterson.

ST JOHN'S WOOD URC, NWS: 11 MS, REV A WESLEYS CHAPEL City Road, ECH 9.45 HC; !! MS. Rev P Halme. WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist).
EWI: 11 & 6.30, Rev J W Hartis.
WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Bucklogham
Onte, WI: 11 & 6.30 Rev D v R T Kondell,
WESTMINSTER ARETING. SOCIETY OF
PRIENDS (QUARIES). 25; Martins La WC2: 11,
Monting for worship.

Church news

The Rev Canon Anthony J Abbey, Vicer, St Jahn, Spining: 10-be Priess-in-Charge, Doddingstony Understand, The Rev Brant A Boucker, Impunedy Vicer, Endy Ratesmer, Carrierwell (London): to be Chaplain, Russpierpoint College (Chichester). The Rev Christopher J Dobson, Canth. 57 Mark. Biggir Hill: to be Carata, 51 James, Tunbridge-Wells (Exchessae). to be Recent, Coinford with Molcombe (Bath and Welle).

The Rev Robin Lessine, Vicar, St Francis, Barkingside to be Vicar, St Margaret, Leigh-on-San (Chelmsford).

The Rev Christophar F Edmondson, Priest-in-Charge, Pampson with Mannia; and Diocesan Officer for Evangellism (Earlisis): to be Vicar, Shipley St. Peaer (Braditord).

The Rev P Richard Payn, Vicar, Christ Church, Lowestoff (Norwich): to be Priest-in-Charge, St. Peaer, Industries, Wells (Rochester).

The Rev Michael F Taylor, Sector, Lyon, Spariam, Rising and Bylangir to be discounted bean of Sparham (Morwich).

Dean of Sparlaum (Norwich). The Ess Elizabeth in Toller, is be Chaptain, Linie Plumstend Hospital (Norwich). The Rev Penny West, Curne, Porishend: no be Carste, Bath Abbey (Sart and Welst, The Rev Anthony I Wills, Recur., Salwappe and Mindlip, with Martin Hussingtone to be full-time Chaptain of Agriculture and Rural Life (Worcaseri.).

The Rev Paul D Wood, Joynesty of St John's, Lauriceston. Themsends to be from West, St Leonard's, Lauriceston. Termanis: to be from West, St Leonard's, Lauriceston. Retirements

The Rev Canon Arthur J Gardiner, Chaptain to the Society of St. Margaret. East Grinsmed (Chichester) retired as from 16 December 1991. The Rev Arthur E Green, Recon, Neathbead, Barton Turf and Instead (Norwick); to retire on April 30, 1992.

end of the Serpentine, against

which the public were duly warned

by the danger signals of the Hu-mans Society. Upwards of 6,000 akaters and sliders assembled on the

Serpentine during the day, and both

banks were lined with innumerable

spectators of both sexes. But here the sport does not really begin till

the evening, when thousands upon

thousands who have been engaged

in business avocations all day are

seen coming from all quarters, bent

on obtaining from an exhilerating

pastime that healthful warmth

which genial stoves and firesides, invaluable as they are to all who are

blessed with them at this trying

The animated and exciting spectacle which Hyde Park has present-

ed for several evenings past was last night, shorn of not a little of its

brilliancy. Nevertheless, the scene was truly gay and novel. The shores and frozen surfaces of the Serpen-

tine exhibited all the characteristics

of a torchlight winter fête. Music,

dancing, fireworks, stalls, booths,

tents, Chinese lanterns, enterpris-

ing vendors of coffee, elder wine,

spiced ale, and every other

conceivable species of seasonable

refreshment, vociferous linkboys,

adventurous skaters, and sliders, all

made up an ensemble which must be

seen to be even faintly appreciated.

Countless parties of intrapid skaters could be dimly descried

through the foggy atmosphere, the

boldest of their number, with flam-

ing torch in hand, acting as pioneers

to the rest, and going through the

most amazing evolutions; while ever

and anon a dull "thud", followed by

a loud guffaw from groups of jocund

bystanders, told that some luckless

other serious hurt sustained. The

concourse, with its incessant din

and bustle, hourly augmented till

about 9 o'clock, and the fun and

frolic was protracted far into the

night.

season, wholly fail to afford.

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ON THIS DAY

Forgive your neighbour any wrong he has done you; then, when you pre; your sins will be forgiven. Ecclesiatious 28:2 REB BIRTHS

CHAPLIN - On January 7th.
Io William and Tracey, a son.
William Harry.

OORMON - On January 7th
1992, at Royal Surrey
Hospital, Guildford, to Alison
and Alan, a daughter, Ella
Katherino May, a sister for
Mark and Barn.

EASRY On January

EASBY - On January 3rd, to Diane (née Kliching) and Graham, a daughler, Olivia Calvert May, FARMER - On December 22nd, in Zurich, to Helen (nee Poolet) and Pele, a second son, Gabriel Thomas, FREDERICK - On December 20th. in Bath, to Camilla unde Gilbey) and Christopher. a son. Benjamin Si John GREENBURGH - On

December 31st 1991. to Helen and Matthew, 3 son, Oliver JOHNSTON - On January 4th, to Julia and Richard, a daughter. Hannah Lily, a sister for William Mecormics on January 7th 1992, to Jan mee Henderson) and John, of Ann Arbor. Michigan, a daughter, Sophie Madeleine daugnter, Sophir Mausenie McVITE - On December 21st 1991. al Portsmouth. In Juliel (mée Crawford) and Doug, a daughler. Moille Elisabeth Thérèse.

Elisabeth Therese.

MORGAN - On January 2nd
1992, at Queen Chariotte's
Hospital. to Julia (nee
Device) and Charles. a sen.
Alexander William Thomas. Alexander William Thomas.

POOL - On January 6th 1992.

at Halifax General Hospital

to Alison and Richard. a

daughter. Clementine Dalsy
Anwen. a sister for William.

REED MARDING - On

January 8th 1992. to

Lucinda and David. 2 500.

Joshua Samuel.

Joshua Samuel,
SHARRIAN - On January 4th
1992, at Queen Chartotte's
Hospital, to Martine and
Nigel, a daughter Martine
January 4th
1992, to Toots and
Mahendra, a son, Otiver
Nimal.
TROESCH - On January 9th
1992, in Singapore, to
Milena tnée Salgado da
Silvetra) and Mathias Kari, a
son, Shan Maximilian,
brother to Samantha
Caroline.

CHRES CH - On January 9th, to

Caroline.

TURE - On Jariuary 6th, to Veronica (née Gadshy) and Simon, a son Harry Thomas.

TYLER - On January 8th 1992 at Guy's Hospital, to Mestran use Chengol and Malcolin George, a daughter, Sarah Catherine. WALDOCK - On December 27th 1991, to Rachael and Patrick, a wonderful son, Benjamin David. Benjamin Devic.

WALKER - On December

30th 1991. at Queen
Marya's. Sidrup, to Calife
inše Cooper) and Mark. a
daughter. Jessica Meg. WAREHAM - On January 4th

1992, to Buffy (née Barnett, and Quintin, a son, Thomas Oscar, a brother for Edward George and Henry. MARRIAGES GLAVES:STEPHENSON

Robert Lewis Glaves and Pamele Ana Stephenson at Southess. Hanin., on Priday 10th January. DEATHS

AUSTEN - On January 9th 1992, pencefully, isobel, for-ner Headmistress Hampton Courl Palace School, loved by Petrick and Jacqueline, beace at leat. Funeral private, Parally flowers only. private. Farniy flowers only.

BASSTER - On January Sth.

After a short tilness. Emice
Besirics, aged 99, of Embed.

Besirics, nuch loved ausi of
Andrew and Anthony Aftiett
and their farmilies. Cremation

11.30 am at Goldford.

Crematorium on Thursday. Crematorium on Thursday
Jabuary 16th followed by a
Thankegiving Service at
Estead Parish Church at
2pm. Family Gowers only
preferred, any donations to
Physic Tuckwall Memoriat
Hospice, Faraham,
BARKÉR Ch. January Sty BARKER - On January Sth.

BARKER - On January Sth. suddenly. Wilkium Barker K.C.M.O., C.B.E., darling husband of Margaret, beloved father of Eve and Bill, and devoted granded of Andrew, Carry, Catherine and Elizabeth. Requiem Mass at 10.15 are on Wednesday January 16th at 8t Thomas' R.C. Church, St. John's Street, Woodbridge, followed by private cremation. No Dowers by request but donations. If so desired, to charity of chides. BERN - On January 9th, peacefully at home, Jennifer Serah (née Day), beloved wile of Niget and mother of

wife of Niget and mother of Anna and Sebastian. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving at Chevithorne Church. Tiverton. Devoc. on Friday January 24th at 2.30pm. No flowers please but donations in lieu may be sent to Tidcombe Paul Marie Curie Centre. Tiverton. Devon EX16 4EJ. BRANDESSE. BRADBEER - On January
9th. peacefully at Overstone,
Hexham. William Bertraru,
aged 90 years, Father of
Derek and Ronald. Funeral

Derek and Ronald. Funeral Service at 10.30 am on Seturday January 18th 1992 at St John Lee Church. Hecham, followed by private cremation. No letters please. Flowers to John Bardgett & Sons Ltd., Westgale Road, Newcastle upon Tyne.

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can help so many ciderly people who have

spent their lives caring for others . and are now in need of help bystanders, told that some luckless wight had lost his equilibrium and come to sudden grief. Happily, however, no limb was fractured or other egrous how material tills etc. Please ask the IRB to send you details of ways in which you may be able to help us, or send whatever you can spare: The Secretary, The National Benevolent Institution (T), 61 Bayswater Read, Leaden W2 3PG.

DEATHS STEWART SANDEMAN STEWART SANDEMAN
On January 8th, peacefully
at Sherborne after a short
itines. George Roland, aged
75 Beloned husband, father,
and grandfather. Funeral
Service Tuesday January
14th at 11 am in Sherborne
Abbery Donatlom, if desired,
to R.N L1
SWINSCOE On January, 7th,
1992, pearwalls, to permission.

DEATHS

BRAOLEY - On January 8th 1992, Thomas Henry Bradley C.Eno. 1992 78 years, of Mylor Bridge. Cornwall, tale of Reading University, Funeral at Mylor Parish Church on Thursday January 16th at 11 am Donations for the RN.M.D.S.F. to the Funeral Director, Kingsley Tresidder, Ferniea, Kennall Vale, Ponsamonth, Cornwall, 10972) 865607 COOPER - On Thursday January 9th, Beatrice Patleme Gwendoline, recent widow of Eric, Deocetully at Michael Sobell House, Mount Vernon Hospital, late of Radlett. Held in great affection by her nieces and nephew Penns, Peter, Lorraine and Caroline Cremation on Friday January 17th at West Heris Crematorium at 11 30 am Family Rowers only but donalions if desired (cheques only) to League of Friends of Michael Sobell House c/o C.A. Nethercott & Son, 20 Aldenham Roud, Raddett. 1992, pearefulls in nospital Ras kalrina, of Dore. Sheffeld Dearly beloved wife of Frederick and losing mother of Jordan and Charlotte Sadiy missed TORDOFF - On Januars : Cin 1992. Maurice. Crue: Executive and General Secretars of the Society of Dyers and Colourists

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JEMNER - On Janeary 8th, peacefully in Bristol nursing home, Mary Margaret, late of Victoria SW1. Private cremation. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Margaret, late of Victoria SW1. Private cremation, LAMG - On Lanuary 6th, suddenly in Brisiel, Edith Mary, aged 75 years, Widow of John, dearly loved mother of Bruce. Slewart, Janes, Shelia, Alisa, Heather and adored grandmether of Alexander, Joanne, Flona, iona, Andrew, Benjamin, Robert, Alexis and Zoe Funeral Service at Trinity United Reformed Church, Cranbrook Road, Redland, Bristol, on Wednesday January 15th at 2 pm. followed by Cremation Family flowers only please, but donahous welcome to The Bristol Royal Hospital for Sick Children, c/o General Office, St Michael's Hill, Bristol, BS2 8BJ.

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Many's Church, Herriard, No flowers please, but donations to St. Andrew's Church, Sherborne St. John.

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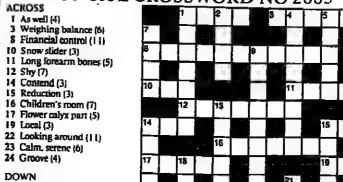
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(c) The ascidian or sea-squirt, Pynna proepatialia, occurring on intertidal rocks in S Australia, the flesh of which is used as bait, from a NSW Aboriginal language: "If the cangeboy [sic] isn't a lower form of animal life, the barnacle is a melon plant, or I'm an onion."

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7.25 News and weather (2002188) 7.30 Crystal Tipps and Alistair. Cartoon (r) (4821411) 7.35 Wiz Ban (9383121) 7.45 The Jetsons. Space-age carroon (r) (8870508 8.05 Eggs in Baker. Cheryl Baker mixes some nightmarsh ingredients (s) (7101614) 8.35 Thundercats. Cartoon (r) (2724072) 9.00 Going Live! The guests include television action-girl Anneka Rice.

Mamta Kaash and Cathy Shipton of BBC's hospital drama

Casualty, and vet Nige! Taylor. Phillip Schofield prepares for his

role in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, and there is the regular cartoon slot (s) (70314527) 12.12 Weather (5782362) 12.15 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider (90234633). The line-up is (subject to alteration): 12.20, 1.05 Cricket and Football, New Zealand v England in the first one-day international from Auckland. Plus a review of the third round of the FA Cup; 12.45, 1.20, 1.55 Racing from Ascot (12.50) Philip Comes Novices' Hurdle; (1.25) Grosvenor Insurance Chase: (2.00) Victor Chandler Handicap Chase, and from Leopardstown at (2.15) Ladbroke Handicap Hurdle, 1.00 News. 1.35, 2.25 Table Tennis. The English Open from the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham; 2.55 Rugby League. Final of the Regal Trophy between Leeds and St Helens or Widnes, from Central Park, Wigan; 3.45 Football Half-Times;

L35 Final Score 5.05 News and weather (1850633) 5.15 Regional News and sport (7115275). Wales Wales on Saturday

5.20 One To Win. Three contestants compete for the holiday of a lifetime. Hosted by Andrew O'Connor. (Ceetax) (s) (7938188) 5.50 Noel's House Party. Noel Edmonds with another resistible mix of games and embarrassing moments. The guest is actor Don Henderson of *The Paradise Club* (s) (148695)

6.40 Big Break. Jim Davidson hosts the green baize general knowledge quiz show in which top snooker players play on behalf



Amazing what you can do with Maltezers: Paul Daniels (7.10pm)

7.10 The Paul Daniels Magic Show. The chirpy magician returns for a new series of Incks and illusions, assisted by son Martin and wife Debbie McGee. (Ceefax) (s) (696237) 7.55 Moon and Son: The Star of Fortune. Lighthearted Urtiller series

with an astrological flavour. Gladys Moon (Millicent Martin) and her son. Trevor (John Michie) are asked by the police to help solve a series of murders in Kent. (Ceefax) (s) (110492) 8.50 News and sport. Weather (493091)

9.10 That's Life! Esther Rantzen and team are back with a new series of investigations, humour and real-life stones, and launch their

of investigations, humour and real-life stones, and seunch their search for a singing star. (Costax) (639459)

9.50 Midnight Calier: Sumed Beyond Recognition. The return of the poished American drama series starring Gary Cole as Jack Killian, a late-night radio talk show host. Killian agrees to be the "prize" at a university charity auction (5) (584701)

10.40 Film: Marathon Man (1976), John Schleeinger's glossy, violent and complicated thiller establed from his novel by Militage.

and complicated thriller, adapted from his novel by William Goldman. In Pans, American agent Roy Schneider survives two assassination attempts. Back in New York, his brother (Dustin Hoffman) finds himself involved in a cat-and-mouse game with ar infamous Nazi known as the White Angel (Laurence Otivier) (Ceetax) (88433633) 12.40am Weather (6878299)

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Learning to Learn 11.05 Pd Like to Teach the World to Sing. Voice coach lan Adam explains how to sing through a cold, and how to sing a comic song

11.45 Film: The Shooting (1966). Intense, officeat western about a former bounty hunter who goes in search of his missing twin brother who has disappeared under suspicious circumstances. Starring Warren Oates, Will Hutchins, Jack Nicholson and Millie Perkins. Directed by Monte Hellman (2803140) 1.00 Heirs and Graces. Lady Victoria Leatham visits Broughton Castle

in Oxfordshire (r) (62237) Network East, Shyama Perera talks to the Bangladesh singer Runa Laila, actor Salman Khan and ghazal singer Pankaj Udhas

2.00 Mahabharat. In Hindi with English subtitles (702459) 3.40 Film: Henry V (1944). Laurence Olivier stars in and directs this rousing adaptation of Shakespeare's play, designed to draw parallels with Britam's contemporary struggle against Nazi Germany. With Robert Newton, Leslie Banks and Esmond Knight

4.55 Darts. Earnonn Holmes introduces the final of the Embassy World Championship from the Lakeside Country Club in Surrey (s)

6.30 Cruits '92: Toys, Utilities and Gundogs. Angela Rippon and Peter Purves introduce the first three classes, live from the NEC in Simingham, with the latest results from the action events, and the Special Events ring (s) (368817)
7.05 News and sport with Moira Stuart. Weather (920140)

7.20 Tortelier Masterclass: Eigar Cello Concerto. The French cellist Paul Tortelier coaches Elizabeth Ramsay and Emma Ferrand, with planist Geoffrey Pratiey (r) (616091)



A taste of Berg: Kristine Clesinksi and Norman Bailey (8.050m)

8.05 The Secret Life of Alban Borg CHOICE: Viewers may wonder how Ken Russell managed to leave Alban Berg out of his series of composer brographies. Berg seems a perfect Flussell subject, the outwardly respectable Viennese husband who fathered a child white a schoolboy and, despite protestations of faithfulness in hundreds of letters to his wife, had a long extra-marital affair. The main thrust of Kriss Rumanis's film is to show how many of the clues to Berg's "secret life" can be gleaned from his music. An obvious one is the obsession with the whore image in the operas Wozzeck and Luke. Less obvious, but revealed by a dedicated American musicologist, are references to Berg's mistress in Lutur and the Violin Concerto. Rumanis casts the operatic soprano Kristine Clesinski as a sleuth who follows the Berg trail from Vienna to Prague and Pennsylvania. Wozzeck is on BBC2 tomorrow (627633)

Moving Pictures talks to Joe Eszterhas, Hollywood's highest-paid screenwriter, whose films include Flashdance and Jagged Edge. Plus, the French director Bertrand Biler on his latest surreal comedy, Merci la vie (735072)
9.50 Film: Jegged Edge (1985). Sick suspense thriller starring Jeff Bridges as a man accused of murdering his wife, a San Francisco

newspaper heiress. Glenn Close plays the attorney who agrees to defend Bridges on the condition that she is convinced of his Innocence. Directed by Richard Marquend. (Ceefax) (s) (481986) 11.36 Darks World Championships. Earnonn Holmes introduces highlights of this afternoon's final (a) (848898). Ends at 12.40em

8.00 TV-am (6767430) Motormouth. The children's entertainment show launches a competition to star in pop group Take That's next video, and there

is a chance to meet the ten-year-old star of the film Curty Sue, Plus cartoon fun with Scooby Dog and Beetletsics. Presented by Neil Buchanan, Andy Crane, Steve Johnson, Gaby Roslin (18683169) 11.30 The ITV Chart Show. The specialist chart is rock, and the vintage video slot is Nick Kershaw with "Wouldn't It Be Good" (s) (s)

12.30 The Munsters Today: Vampire Pie. Cornedy with the monstrout American family. Herman (John Schuck) enters a cooking contest 1.00 ITN News with Sue Carpenter. Weather (39957546) 1.05 LW

News (39956817) 1.10 Saint and Greavsie. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves presen football highlights from the quarter finels of the Rumbelows League Cup, and introduce the draw for the semi finels, live in the studio (1321614) 1.55 The Day (65442256)

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2.00 Ski Tips. Andy Steggall and Penny Silvester examine the effects of the Winter Chympics on British holiday skiers (7324)
2.30 Cobblestones, Cottages and Castles: Transports of Delight. David Young and his dog Oliver continue their travels in the southwest of Britain (Oracle) (188)
3.00 Stootker: The Mercantile Credit Classic. Nick Owen introduces the final from the International Centre in Bournemouth (86393850)
4.45 Results Service with Eton Welsby (4167140)
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News (1845/01)
5.15 Ten Sharpl Pat Sharp meets the boxer Nigel Benn. This week's video of the week is Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves (s) (1841985)
5.25 New Baywatch. Glamorous adventure series with the Los Angeles lifeguards. Starring David Hasselhoff. (Oracle) (7469459)
6.15 Bland Date. Citia Black tries to match the guys 'n' gals (863879)
7.15 Barrymore. Comedian Michael Barrymore hosts the show starring

8.00 Inspector Morse: Fat Chance. John Thaw's Oxford-based police inspector Morse: Fat Chance. John Thaw's Oxford-based police inspector investigates the suspicious death of a woman deacon. With Kevin Whately and Zoë Wanamaker (r). (Oracle) (3072)
 10.00 ITN News with Sue Carpenter. Weather (555091) 10.15 LWT Weather (422324)



It's skiffle time: Lounie Donegan and friends (10.20pm)

10.20 Trouble with the Fifties: Andy Pandy, The Goons CHOICE: Michael Aspel hosts a joky, anecdotal restrosp of the 1950s helped by monochrome clips and a studio full of greying veterane from aport and showbusiness. The show has something of the flavour of Aspel's This is Your Life with calebrities coming in on one to offer their stories, whether it is Harry Secombe triking about *The Goon Shaw*, the Beverley Slaters on not being allowed to show their nevels on television or Dinah Sheridan revealing that none of Genevieve was filmed between London and Brighton. In a more substantial contribution, Sylvia Syme discourses on deodorants and hair lacquer and there is a rousing skiffle finale from Lonnie Donegan and friends. Older viewers may be inclined to shed a nostalglo tear or two for those simple, wholesome days when averyone still knew-their place. For the under-thirties it may seem as quaint and remote as the reign of

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11.25 Shooker: The Mercantitie Credit Classic, Nick Owen introduces the climactic action from Bournemouth (599614)

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1.35 New Music (6726812) 2.30 Get Stuffed (6781947)

2.40 Bhangra Beat. The Asian music programme (5415928)

3.10 Coach, American comedy series (86421589)

3.40 American College Football (5659251)

4.35 The Hit Man and Her (a) (59378)

5.30 ITN Morning News (22909). Ends at 8.00

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CHANNEL 4

6.00 Early Morning: Famastic Four (1108966) 6.26 Dr Smuggler 6.00 Early Morning: Faminatic Four (1108966) 6.26 Dr Snuggles (5231527) 6.55 Once Upon a Time . . . Space (6541966) 7.25 Sporting Years to Remember (2129966) 7.55 Trans World Sport (1389527) 9.00 News Summary (7969546) 4.15 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line (7226237) 9.30 Woodbine Place. Children at play (r) (49966) 9.30 Woodbine Place. Children at play (r) (49966) 19.30 Wagon Trelin. Vintage 1950s western series (20343) 19.30 Kingdom of the Deep: Stranded on South Georgia. The pight of Cindy Buxlon and Armie Price who were filming for Survival on South Georgia when the Arcentinians invaded (r) (96237)

11.30 Kingdont of the Deep: Stranger on South Georgia when the Argentinians invaded (r) (96237)

12.30 American Footbell — Red 42 (s) (97850)

1.00 Film: Young Man of Music (1950, b/w). The first of this afternoon's two musicals starting Dons Day is based on the jazz atternoon's two musicals starting Dons Day is based on the jazz atternoon's two musicals starting Dons Day is based on the jazz atternoon's two musicals starting Dons Day is based on the jazz atternoon's two musicals starting Dons Day is based on the jazz attemporaria of the Silvery Moon. (1953). In this warmhearted comedy musical sequel to On Moonlight Bay, Don's warmhearted comedy musical sequel to On Moonlight Bay, Don's Day's impending marriage to Gordon Macrae is marred by misunderstandings. Directed by Devid Butter (2972259).

5.00 For Your Pleasure. Animated ecological warming (7118362).

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5.08 For Your Pleasure. rew terminal for trains from the Channel Turnet. The taracomies in British Rail, forced by its government remit to squeeze every penny out of its property deals. This means going for lucrative office space. A plan by the architect Sir Norman Foster envisages office space. A plan by the architect Sir Norman Foster envisages eight-storey blocks and two towers 20 feet higher than Blackpool Tower. Local people want none of this. They want afterdable housing and a decent environment for the community. Sue Crockford's film is a grass roots view of a planning debate in which the conflicting interests are jostling to be heard. The local authority, which must approve any scheme, is sympethetic to the residents but cannot ignore financial reality. Meanwhile, an action group has brought in the Prince of Wates's favourite architect, John Thompson, to prepare its riposte to Sir Norman Foster (1850). Queen — Live at Militon Keynes Bowl. Recorded in 1982, and shown as a tribute to the the late Fractile Marcury (7898). 8.00 Queen — Live at Militon Keynes Bowl. Recorded in 1982, and shown as a tribute to the the late Freddle Mercury (7898)



An actor's life for him: Sir Dirk Bogarde reflects (9.00pm)

8.00 Dirk Bogarde: By Myself

CHOICE Paul Joyce, who last week treated us to a detailed portrait of the American director Sam Peckinpeh, now turns to our new cinema knight. Joyce's approach with the dead Peckinpal was to invite associates to talk about him. With the happily very much alive Sir Dirk, he gets the subject to speak for himself, uninterrupted except for clips from the films. As might be expected it is an articulate, intelligent, generous and slightly selfmocking performance which ranges over the craft of film acting, the excesses of the studio system and the actor's decision to leave Britain at the end of the 1960s. The only reservation is that as with the Peckinpah documentary, a previous knowledge of the films is assumed. Joyce is not in the business of providing child's

films is assumed. Joyce is not in the business of providing child's guides. There is a second instalment next week and a short Bogarde season starts after this programme. (Teletext) (7102) 10.00 Film: King and Country (1984, b/w). Powerful first world wer drama starring Dirk Bogarde as a army officer assigned to detend deserter Tom Countrary. Directed by Joseph Losey (676904) 11.40 One. Night Stand: Kevin, Meaney. The American comedian performs his stand-up routine (853508) 12.10em Film: Lota (1982). Rainer Werner Fassibinder's homage to The Bitte Angel is set in post-wer Germany and charte the relationship between a respectable building inspector (Armin Mueller-Stahl) and a nightclub dancer (Berbara Sukowa). In German with English subtitles (46200831)

subities (46200831) 2.15 American Football — Red 42 (r) (a) (11473) 2.45 The Word (r) (a) (9290367). Ends at 3.40

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10.00 Rocksas (1990): How dote a stemage vamper lose his vegenty? (39850)
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delivery boy is romantically involved with four older women (83072) 10,00 The Punisher (1990): Dolph Lundgren plays the Marvel comics vigilants (1817) 11,30 Games Of Deeler (1989): An Impo-tant husband it powerless to act when his wife seeks excual astisfaction alsowhere (12595) 12,55em Gleening The Cube (1899): Detective thriller set in the Californian stateboarding community (445078) 2.40 Burndown (1965): A reporter unloower the truth should a functor claim (19757990)

the truth about a hucker plant (7867980) 4.05 M*A*S*H* (1970): Black comedy from the Korean front (228102) To 5.60 THE MOVIE CHANNEL Vis the Astra and Marcopolo satelline.
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2.15 St. Stryker — Pisses (1990): Burt Reynolds as a Melibu detective(800817)
4.15 Our Sons (1991): Julie Andrews and Ann-Margret are both mothers of gary sons, one of whom has Aids (888275)
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chaired by Nicholas Persons, With Derek Nimmo, Wendy Richard, Paul Merton and Stephen Fry (s) 1.00 News 1.10 Any Questions? Nick Clarke

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party representative to the European Parliament; Christopher Patten MP, chairman of the Conservative Party; and Shirley Williams, professor of electoral politics at Harvard University (r) News; Arry Answers; Nick Clarke takes viewers' opinions on issues relised in Arry Ouestions? (171 560 47) Ouestions? (171 560 47) Saturday Playhouse: Tarra

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FADIO 3 6.36em Open University (FM only): Maths Access: Countdown to

8.55 Weather; News
7.50 Morning Concert: Arne (Organ
Concerto No 4 in B flat: Roger
Bevan Williams with Cartillens
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string quartet, Divertimenti)
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8.30 News
8.35 BBC Scottish Symphony
Orchestra under Taluo Yusas,
with Graeme McNaught,
pisno, plays Stravinsky
(Concerto in Dt. Beethoven (Plane Concerto No 3 in C

minor)
9.30 Saturday Review with Richard
Osborne: Record Review,
Building a Library: Janáček
(String Quartets); Toscanni (Leningrad): 150 years of the New York Philitamnonic 10.40 Call the Controller CHOICE: Radio 3's dynamic

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controller John Drummond who retrees this month, has sometimes been given a burnpy ride during more than burnpy ride during more than the probably won t be given a smoother one when he makes his last broadcast as controller this months. this morning, answering listeners' questions. Anchor man James Naughtle will have his work cut out interposing his body between Drummond and the steamroffer wrath of those who will be after his blood because Radio 3 will lose its medium wavelength next month, and because Test Match Special will bite deeply summer (081 580 4411)

11.30 Record Review: Rossini Overture, L'Italiana in Algeri: Philharmoruc SO of New York under Arturo Toscanica, mono 1936): Marais (Suite en trio in C. Ensemble Amalia); Dvorák (Cypresses, selection; Philip (Cypresses, selection: Philip Langndge, tener: Radioslav Kvapii, piano). Ernest Schelling (A Victory Ball: NYPO under Willern Mengelberg, mono 1925); Schumanni (Piano Soneta No 2 in G minor, Op 22: Withelm Kengrif (Sann)

1.2.55pm Words 1.00 News 1.05 Bach: Anner Bylsms, cello, plays Suite No 2 In D minor, BWV 1006); Suite No 3 in C, BWV 1009) (r). 2.05 Refeel Kubelik: In the second

BWY 1009) (f)
2.66 Refeel Kubelik: In the second of 13 programmes, Kubelik conducts the Czech Pritharmonic in recordings made between 1946 and 1948. Dvorák (Overture, Carnival; Plano Concerto in 3 minor: Rudolf Firtusny, plano. Live recording from the first Prague Spring Festival); Novák (South Bohemian Suite); Martinů (Scherzo, Symphony No 4); Janáček (Sirdonietta) 4.05 Debussy Pretudes: Book One. The first of two programmes in which Roy Hewat Introduces and plays the complete Debussy pretudes
5.00 Jazz Record Request: with Geoffrey Smith S.45 Third Ophion: Includes reviews of Tom Murphy's play The Gold Concert and The Art

reviews of Tom Murphy's play The Gigit Concert; and The Art of Death at the V&A; Italo Calvino's Under the Jaguar

Calvino's Under the Jaguer Sun 6.30 Violin and Viola: Mark Lubotsky and Nobulso Imai pley Mozart (Duo in G, K 423): Hindemith (Sonata for violin, Op 31 No 2); Mozart (Duo in B flat, K 424) (7 7.30 Tovaldo e Doriliska: Rossini's

Toyaldo e Dorfisica: Rosalin's senocomic opera in two acts, with libretto by Cesare Sterbini, live from Lugano, Swizeriand. Italian-Swise Radio-Television Chorus and Italian-Swise Orchestra under Massimo de Bernart, with Stefano Antonuoci, beritone, as Dura d'Ordose, Persperi as Duca d'Ordow, Barbara Frittoli, soprano, as Dorliska Emesto Palacio, tenor, as Torvaldo: Mauro Bude, bass as Giorgio; Nicoletta Cilento,

as Gorgio; Nicoletta Cilento, mezzo-soprano, as Carlotta; Antonio Marani, bass, as Ormondo, Incl. 8.50 Nicholes Till on the life of Rossini

10.45 Vega Wind Quintet: Alan Bullard (Dences for wind quintet); Stamitz (Creartet in E flat for oboe, clarinat, bessoon and horn, Op 8 No 2); Paul Patterson (Cornedy for five winds)

11.25 Mozart through the Looking Glass: John and Kathryn Leneisan, pisanos, pisy Mozart, arr Grieg (Soneta in F. Allegro and Andante, K 533, and Rondo, K 494; Soneta in G, K 283) (2 of 3)

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examines the pressures of family life (2 of 6) (/) 6.00 News; Sports 6.25 Week Ending: Satirical review of the week's everds (s) (/) 5.30 Au Lib 7.20 Keleidanyana in Committee (s) (/) 7.20 Keleidanyana in Committee (s) (/)

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8.55am Shipping 6.10 News
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8.30 News 7.25, 8.25 Sports
7.55 Weather 6.54 Weather
9.00 News 7.20 Kaleidoscope in Greenland:
Paul Allen investigates if there
a place for Inuit art in
Greenland's changing society 9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4: with Cliff Morgan
9.30 Breaksway: with Ken Bruce.
Devid Prest reports from the
western flords of Norway
10.00 News; Loose Ends: with Ned
Sherin, Robert Elms and
Victoris Mather (s)
11.00 News; Talking Politics: Robin
Oekley talks to representitives
of the different parties about
the forthcoming general
election 7.50 Classic Serial: The Betrothed. The second of a four-part adaptation of Alessandro Manzoni's novel. Renzo and

Menzioni's novel. Renzo and Lucia files for safety from the clutiches of Don Rodrigo (s).

8.50 Only Connect: In the second of six conversations with people from the Indian subcomment who are successful in Britisin, Professivation of the Control election
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 Money Borc with Louise
Botting Porting 12.25pm Just a Minutel: Panel game

9.50 Ten to Ten (a) 10.00 News 10.15 Northern Lights: Cultures on lce ● CHOICE: The secondary title of the second of Daniel Snowman's fine documentaries about life within the Arctic Circle could

within the Arctic Circle could be misleading. It is not about the deep-fraeze cressevation of cultures beyond their normal span of the On the contrary, Cultures on Ice produces an encouragingly long list of examples of Arctic languages, customs and musical forms that are not only being kept alive but are actually flourishing, ingenuity is sometimes demanded, as when Estimo racio.

newsreaders during the Gulf war had to find home-grown words for Scild missiles and desert wartare (\$) (f) words for Sculd missiles and desert warfare (s) (r)
10.45 For He is an Englishment Eels, Feiries and Royala Charles Arnold-Baker discusses the nature of Englishness
11.80 Richard Baker Compares
Notes: with calless Alexander
Baille and Timothy Nuth (s) (r)
11.30 The End of this Bread Show.

optimist in wartime
Manchester (f)
4.00 The Art of Travet: Tim Severin
recreates St Brandan's
voyage from Ireland to the
promised land (2 of 6)
4.30 Science Now: Alun Lewis visits
scientists working on a placier
above the Arctic Circle
5.00 What If...? Dr Christopher
Andrew examines what would 5.00 What if. . . ?: Dr Chinstopher Anchew examines what would might have happened if Ulster had been reduced to four counties instead of six in the 1920s (s) (r)
5.25 Family Fortunes: Phil Smith 11.30 The End of the Road Show. Comedy from Bristol (3 of 4). 12.00 News: 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 FM closes/LW joins World Service

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AND CARLOS 5.40 The Four Great Seasons: The Great Spring (r) (6269034)
9.10 News and weather (4864883) 9.15 Getting Through. A profile of squadron leader Michael Cole (7200289)

squadron leader Michael Cole (7200299)

3.30 This is the Day. The power of prayer (22763)

10.00 See Heart (57034). Wates: Into Print 10.30 Deutsich Direkti (r) (1367034). Wates: Skilishop (92034)

10.55 Fast Feasts. How to make a Greek meze (7991831)

11.00 The Training Hour starting with timo Print: Typomania. The art of typography using desistop publishing (r) (3876). Wates: See You Sunday (15638) 11.30 Skillshop (s) (4305)

12.00 Play it Safel Accidents Just Happen — Don't They? Anneks Rice offers advice on chitdren's safety (r). (Ceefax) (83386)

12.30 Country File (6867251). Wates: Farming in Wates (63251)

1.90 News (3999522) followed by Paradise: Treasure. Western drama series (1306305) 1.50 Cartono (21168928)

2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax) (s) (58763)

3.00 Columbo: Now You See Him. Peter Falk as the crumpled American police lieutenant (r) (1318270)

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4.25 Biteback. The monthly right-to-reply show allowing the wewer to question BBC programme makers. (Ceefax) (1717170)
5.05 The Clothes Show (s) (7993015)
5.30 Antiques Roadshow visits Cleethorpes. (Ceefax) (673183)
6.15 Play it Safet Home Accidents. (Ceefax) (516928)
6.25 News and weather (619454)
s.40 Source of Praises. Martin Bashir visits St David's Hall in Carriff for

6.25 News and weather (619454)
6.40 Songs of Praise. Martin Bashir vierte St Devid's Hall in Cardiff for the launch of a new hymn book. (Ceefax) (s) (877367)
7.15 'Allof Allof A new series with the French farceurs, who diaguise themselves as Spanish dancers. (Ceefax) (s) (536305)
7.45 Lovejoy: Friends in High Places. Ian McShane returns as the dodgy antiques dealer and meets Victoria (Joanna Lumley), the owner of a valuable Inca ring. (Ceefax) (s) (987744)
8.35 As Time Goes By

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■ CHOICE: A new sitcom from the prolific Bob Lerbey stars Judi Dench and Geoffrey Palmer as old flames who meet again after nearly 40 years and tentatively resume their relationship. Palmer plays a military type who has spent most of his life in Kenya and Dench runs the secretarial agency which is servicing his memoirs. It is an easy-going, comfortable show which runs along pradictable lanes and is sustained by the skilled playing of the stars. Both are excellent comedy actors, Palmer with his deadpen, staccato style. Dench the mistress of the double-take. Their timing, both individually and together, is exculsite and they consistently manage to make lines sound furnier than they are. The humour is partly nostalgic, based on the pair's shared memories of the early 1950s, and partly derives from their embarrassment at the prospect of starting a fresh romance in late middle age. (Ceefax) (s) (745183)



New love, old love: Dervia Kirwan and Ronald Pickop (9.05pm)

9.05 A Time To Dence © CHOICE: Melvyn Bragg offers a three-part adaptation of his novel about the destructive affair between a middle-aged bank manager and an 18-year-old girl, set in the Lake District. Bragg's scenario carefully establishes the characters' contrasting worlds. The man is orderly, bookish and has retired early to look after his The man is orderly, booklish and has retired early to look after his invalid wife. The girl comes from a large and boisterous working-class Catholic family. Given these backgrounds, the affair seems to happen out of nowhere. There is no indication that the man has lost affection for his wife, while the girl's rape three years earlier by the family lodger might argue, if anything, against plunging into a new relationship. But if the motivation seems sheky it is largely masked by intelligent performances from the reliable Ronald. Pickup and a young Irish actress new to television, Dervia Kirwan. Rosemary McHale plays the wife and Kevin Billington directs. (Ceefax) (e) (459096) Ceefax) (e) (459096)

10.05 News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceetax) Weather (802960)
10.20 Everymen: The Road Back to Hell. A year after the Gull war, the dissident fract writer Kanen Melvya uncovers evidence of the mass murder of thousands of Kurds in southern frac (880909) 11.00 The Nobel Century (474657) 11.50 The Sky at Night (548541) 12.10em Mehabharat (r) (1747706) 12.50 Weather (6759023)

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BBC 2

7.25 But First This on 2: Helic Spencer: Keel the Mailman (r) (2)94270) 7.55 Playdays (1) (4804744) 8.05 Baher (7:88763) 8.30 Telling Tales (s) (7:507164) 8.45 The Legend of Prince Vallant (s) (2788270) 9.10 Blood and Honey. Tony Robinson tells stones from the Old Testament (s) (7921386) 9.30 Defenders of the Earth. Cartoon (r). (Ceetax) (7836270) 9.50 Blue Peter Omnibus (2027464) 10.60 September 1 (by 1921386) 10.60 September 2027464) (7047454) 10.40 Strangers: Live Action. Mystery drama series. Starring Martin Henderson, Amber McWilliams and Hamish McFartans (r) (1354560) 11.05 Boxpops: Challenges. Which New Kids on the Block chart topper opens today's programme? (8834270) 11.45 The O-Zone. Music magazine (s) (7572947) 12.00 Film: The Courage of Lassic (1946). A shell-shocked Lassic

returns from the second world war and is nursed back to health by Elizabeth Taylor. Directed by Fred M. Wilcox (82893). Wales: See Hearl; 12.30 Cartoon; 12.40 Astor Piazzolla, Tango Nuavo

Hollywood film star trying to make a comeback in a television scap opera. With Robert Wagner and Mickey Rooney as himself. Directed by Joseph Sargent. (Cerfax) (30386)
3.00 Opera Season: Wozzecik. Alban Berg's opera about a young soldier who fathers a child with his lover and then murders her in a

fit of jealousy. The English National Opera production by David Pountney is conducted by Mark Elder and sung in English. With Donald Maxwell as Wozzack, Kristine Clesinski as Marie and Alan Woodrow as Captain. Simultaneous broadcast with Radio 3 (s)

Matchplay golf tournament between Arnold Palmer and Peter Thompson (4139367)

Rugby Special Chris Rea introduces the Courage Langue match between Bath and Leicester, and previews next week's five nations championship (5676)

the eye of the beholder. The second of five documentaries en



Comic anget: John Stockwell and Rosanna Arquette (9.05pm) 9.05 Trying Times: A Family Tree. The start of a new angst-ridden American comedy drama series. Starring Rosenne Arquette and John Stockwell (502831)

9.36 Dtd You See . . ? Jeremy Peamen and guests Glenys Kinnock, Paul Jackson and Alan Coren review Channel 4's documentary Otherwise Engaged, The Pall Bearer's Revue and the Antiques Roadshow (908251)

Kennedy's bleek drams staring Jack Nicholaon and Meryl Streep as two down and outs during the American depression. Directed by Heater Babenco (75841305). Ends at 12.25em

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6.00 TV-am (5734102) 9.25 Dianey Club, Andrea Soardman, John Socieston and Paul Hendy present the regular most of carbons, including a tisp to EuroDisney on the outskirts of Paris and music from Johan; Hates Jazz

10.45 Link: Flams. San vasey investigates the recent space of films about disability With signing and suchtles. Cracle; (2692980) 11.00 Morning Worship from the Melbourne Har Evergetical Free

Church in Leacester (19744).

12.00 Encounter: I Believe in You. The gospel singer Lou Lewis's music reflects her own Me story (18454).

12.30 LWT News Weekend with Anna Marie Ashe and Ed Boyle (5892947) 12.55 LWT Weather (72962295).

1.00 ITN News with Suc Carpenter, Weather (51532831).

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1.10 Special Friends. A documentary about two 25-year-old linsh women with Down's syndrome, whose friendship has overcome their practical difficulties (1389638). Followed by The Day.

2.00 Betman, Compostrip adventures with Adam West (1326812) 2.50 Dinosturs. Prefisions purper series (s. 1662-295)
3.20 The Match: Sheffield Wednesday v Loeds United. Etton Welsby introduces live football action from hid/sporough. With

commentary by Atan Parry is (21590522) 5.30 Bulliseya. Jim Bowen hosts the darts quiz (s. (314) 8.80 Animal Country. Desmond forms and Sarah Kennedy encounter

cats, dogs and horses in Suffak and Nodolk is, (947) 6.30 ITN News with Sue Carpenter, Weather, 919251; 6.35 LWT News and weather (918522)

8.40 Highway. From the Ere Estuary in Devon, Shiham, Secombe talks to Rabbi Lonel Blue, naturalist Tony Soper and Exmouth journalist George Pridmore, and sings with the band of Her Majesty's Royal Manne Commandos. (Cracle) (s) (985763: 7.15 You've Been Framed Jeremy Beadle introduces more out-takes

from viewers' home videos (521473) 7.45 Agatha Christie's Poirot: Death in the Clouds. David Suchet's detective investigates a murder on a fright from Pars to London With Sarah Woodward and Cathryn Harrison. (Orable) (776676) 9.45 ITN News with Sue Carpenter Weather (634164) 10.00 LWT Weather (954725)



In search of funk: Lenny Henry and Meivyn Bragg (10.05pm)

10.05 The South Bank Show; Lenny Henry Hunts the Funk CHOICE: Lenny Henry could spend an hour going through the talephone directory and it would still be the most entertaining. show of the week. He has a much better subject than that as Melvyn Bragg dispatches him to Harlem and Vanneapolis to tell the story of funit. Bragg helpfully defines funk as "the black American musical style made famous by James Brown" But for Lenny it is an enthusiasm and a way of file. Embelished by Henry's usual face-pulling, guifaws and verbal contortions, the show is a structured and informative survey that starts more or less at the beginning (James Brown at the Apollo, late 1950s) and comes up to the present day. The only flat spots are when Henry tries to play interviewer. He looks uncomfortable and funk stars tend to be happier with music than words, though George Clinton's "we gave it a different kind of wowness" is, in the context, spot on (a)

11.05 Film: The Ann Jillian Story (1987). The American singer and actrees, who overcame breast cancer, stars in this worthy account of her life and career. Directed by Corey Allen (263216) 12.56am Cue the Music. New Order in concert (s) (3779990)

1.55 The ITV Chart Show (r) (s) (6624400)
2.55 Filter Assault (1970). Barral suspense thriller about a teacher who acts as a decoy to trap a repist and murderer. Starring Frank Finlay and Suzy Kendall. Directed by Sidney Hayers (839110) 4.30 Pick of the Week (r) (41868)

5.00 Soap. American comedy with the Tates and Campbells (r) (11139) 5.30 ITN Morning News (46706). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

8.00 Trans World Sport (r) (10676) 7.00 Euroeka's Castle (72831) 7.30 Star Street (7331218) 7.55 The Wild Bunch (7316909) 8.25 Ramona (7184947) 8.55 New Kids on the Block . . . On Tour

9.25 The Sword of Tipu Sultan. Eighteenth-century Indian drama in Hindustani with English subtitles (9344657)
10.00 Dangerous Livest Don't Tell the Workers. The possible side

effects of working with chemicals (r) (3349812) 10.50 Dennis. Carloon adventures with the mischievous boy (8492657) 11.10 Round the Bend: Ghost. Doc Croc's video comic is haunted (s)

11.30 Dramarama: Just a Normal Girl. The first of five children's dramas is about disabled teenagers (r) (Teletext) (7015)

12.00 Little House on the Prairie: The Lord is My Shepherd.

Concluding last week's story (r) (66116)

1.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea: Night of Terror. Vintage aquatic adventures with the submarine Seavew (r) (14744)
2.06 Film: Twelve O'Clock High (1949, b/w) Absorbing second world

2.00 Film: Twelve O'Clock High (1945, b)w Absolute Sections and White War drama starring Gregory Peck as the ruthless commander of an American bomber squadron who begins to crack under the strain. Directed by Henry King (18183560)

4.25 Valued Opinion: Channel Island Silver. Max Robertson presents

the first of six programmes about collecting antiques (4903928)
4.55 News Summary and weather (6806560)
5.00 Scottish Eye: Toxic Timebomb. In the first of a new senes, the current affairs programme evamines the high incidence of childhood leukaemia near chemical waste sites on the outskirts of Glasgow (8909)

5.30 Dig. The unorthodox gardening programme looks around filmmaker Derek Jarman's garden, and cartoonist Ralph Steadman demonstrates his way of controlling pests (r) (Teletext) (676)
Teenage Health Freak: Blast Offf A second chance to see Daniel Peacock's offbeat six-part comedy series about a hypochondriac 15-year-old boy (r) (Teletext) (s) (589)

6.30 The Wonder Years: Day One. Nostalgic American comedy series about a teenager growning up in the 1960s. Starring Fred Savage. (s) (541)



A natural protector: conservationist José Palazzo (7.00pm)

7.00 Defenders of the Wild: The Sting of José Palazzo CHOICE José Palazzo is a 28-year-old Brazilian conservationist who has risked his life to protect his country's wildlife against. armed gangs of poachers from over the border in Uruguay Palazzo's main concern has been the Taim nature reserve, one of the last pristine wettand areas of southern Brazil and home to many rare animals and birds. A prime target of the poachers is the nutria, a small animal hunted for its fur. More tham 1,000 illegal traps have been found in the reserve but Palazzo and his team of volunteers are fighting back. The film follows a sting against a dealer in nutna furs involving a furtive night-time operation by the police and an undercover agent. Much of Palazzo's work is less speciacular and less dangerous. But it is similarly dedicated to saving the natural world from the ravages of man, whether it is Brazil's dwindling coastal forest or a whale once slaughtered to the edge of extinction. (Teletext) (9589)

American Football, Mick Luckhurst introduces live covarage of Washington Redskins v Datroit Lions, and highlights of Buffalo Bills v Denver Broncos (7715909) 12.30am Film: Joyride (1977). Shapeless action drama about three

California teenagers who set off for Alaska and turn to crime. Starring Desi Arnaz Jr., Robert Carradine and Melanie Griffith Directed by Joseph Ruben (322503). Ends at 2.10

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2.30 Morning Concert: Bach
(Concerto for oboe and violin,
BWV 1080: Academy of St
Martin with Heinz Holliger,
oboe; Gidon Kremer, violin);
Rimsky-Korsakov (Overture,
May Night: SNO under Neeme

7.35 Norming Concert cont: Poulenc (Piano Concerto: Rotterdam PO under James Conlon with François-René Duchable, piano); Offenbach (Ballet of the Snowflakes, Le Voyage dans ta tune: Gulberkian

Orchestra under Michel Swierczewski); Chabrier vierczewski); Chabrier (Suite storale: French National

Orchestra under Armin

contemporaries 9.15 The Juilland Quartet: The

8.35 Music for the Serentssima: The

second of six programmes of music by Monteverdi and his

pioneering quartet celebrates its 45th year in the first of eight programmes. Schubert (Quartettsatz, D 703); Dvorák

SO under David Atherton with

Artur Pizamo, plays Bridge (Enter Spring); Ravel (Piano Concerto in G); Vaughan

Reuters, and now living in

Paul Guinery Françaix (L'horloga de flore: LSO under André Previn, with John de

ilson, tenor);

Magnerd (Symphony No 3 in B flat minor. Toulouse Capitole Orchestre under Michel

2.30 Couperin. L'Apothéose de

(Piano Quintet, Op 81) 16,15 Music Weekly: with Peter Paul

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Mergaret; Peter Bronder as Andres and Ethward Byles as the idiot. Simultaneous transmission with BBC 2 (s)
4.40 Post of the Month: Charles Tomlinson reads a selection of

Tomlinson reads a selection or his poems.

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4.47 The Great Bug Hunt: Martin Warmight joins a party of entomologists on the Muonestan mend of Summasi (1 of 4) (f)

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correspondent Mark Laity's six-part documentary about the Gulf conflict which bega a year ago this week is faunched with an elf-action episode - the United States led air attack on trac on t by the thought that if he can get listeners glued to their racio sets in the first half-

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Lympany talks about her life and career, and introduces some of her recordings (s) 9.00 The Natural History Programme (r)

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Susannah Harker as Helena; Julia Ford as Hermia; James Macpherson as Lysander, Stephen Tompkinson as Demetrius and Emma Fielding as Puck. Music composed and mode Orchestra

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1.30 Film: There Must Be a Pony (1985). Elizabeth Taylor as a laded

4.40 100 Great Sporting Moments. Final of the 1967 Piccadilly World

nations championship (sor o)

8-00 Ski Sunday. Devid Vine introduces the men's downhill from Garmisch-Partenkirchen in Bavaria (471947)

6-25 The Money Programme: Good Health? Rory Cellan-Jones reports on private health insurance, and a new player in the market, the Norwich Union (518102)

7-45 Continues Champion The final class of the performs

Crufts 122 Supreme Champion. The final day of the pedigree dog show, including the competition for best in show and the title of supreme champion (s) (392183) Signs of the Times: Red Drive Me Nata. Good and bed taste is in



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Ukraine counts on coupons to kill the rouble and inflation

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From ROBERT SEELY

REUSABLE coupons were introduced vesterday into the money supply of the newly independent Ukraine as the penultimate step towards circulating its own currency by the summer.

The move to "surrogate" money and the ditching of the rouble will further strain the economic and political relationship between Ukraine's leaders and the Russian federation after this week's dispute over ownership of the Black Sea fleet.

Unless Russia can quickly introduce its own currency or equivalent coupons, the Federation is likely to become the

dreds of millions of unwanted roubles, fuelling its severe inflation. Russian banking authorities said yesterday that they are to issue chequebooks for large rouble purchases.

Ukraine's state-owned shops, still waiting to be privatised, turned away roubles yesterday and accepted only coupons. "If you want to use the Muscovite rouble, go to Russia," a salesgirl in the Ukrainia department store in Kiev snapped.

Despite explanations on television, radio and in the ress, reaction to the coupon "currency" was greeted with pessimism by shoppers already hit hard by price increases of between 200 per

duced on January 2.

Black marketeers trading the coupons valued the coupon/rouble rate at 1:5, with 30 coupons or 150 roubles to a dollar. This is half the official rate expected to be announced by the Ukrainian national bank.

The coupon's immediate role may have been to encourage people to attend work in a society not given to fastidious timekeeping, Sasha Mar-chenko, aged 28, from Kiev, said: 'This is the first time people have been concerned about their jobs: they know they can collect these confounded coupons only at state State employees are guar-

cent of their salary in coupons, with a ceiling of 600 per month. Foreigners can start to buy them on Monday. Rents, payments for public

facilities and taxis can still be settled in roubles, as may business transactions. The Kiev government expects the coupons, provided they stand the test of public confidence. to mature into roughly the equivalent of M3 money.

The Ukrainian hope is that they will help to smother inflation, through stricter control on printing of money than in Russia. The major worry, however, is that with Ukraine's monetary policy controlled only in part by the

government, food and goods could still be lost to the republic if price differentials make Ukraine a cheap place for hungry Russians to shop.

Russia is expected to announce the terms for partial convertibility of the rouble later this month. Georgy Maryukhin, head of the Russian central bank, said yesterday that the exchange rate levied on foreign investors will be eight or ten roubles against the dollar, which compares with a rate of between 140 and 160 roubles presently available at commercial banks.

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Muslims censure athlete

Continued from page 1 of the Soviet Union, of a fourth title. Boulmerka produced the form she had shown on the grand prix circuit - a far cry from a championship arena - to prevail by just 0.37s.

She had led the year's world rankings before the championships, and gave a clue to her modern thinking when she said: "My father lived in France for 18 years and had a different

The Moroccan middle-distance runners Said Aouitaand Brahim Boutayeb spend long periods training in Italy. and Ottavio Castellini, of the Italian athletics federation, said: "As a foreign athlete, if she would have to run for an Italian dub for three years

Bombers hit Whitehall

Continued from page 1 mittee, called for a parking ban in Whitehall.

But Neil Kinnock said: Democracy must make no concessions whatever to the kind of attacks which terrorists make. That would be the only kind of perverse victory they could get and we must deny them even that victory." Paddy Ashdown added that the IRA was living in cloud cuckoo land if it thought Britain could be terrorised into submission.

Besides its attack in London, the IRA caused serious disruption across Northem Ireland yesterday, with scores of bomb alerts, including two on car ferries preparing to sail from Lame in Co Antrim. Other bomb warnings also turned out to be hoaxes, but they caused chaos in and around Belfast.

The alerts came after overnight firebombings of furniture and carpet stores in Ballymena and a car bombing in Londonderry that slightly injured a soldier.

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A £170 portrait makes £6m

By Sarah Jane Checkland SALEROOM CORRESPONDENT

AGNEWS, the London art dealers, look set to make £5.8 million from the sale of a single painting, a portrait of Pope Clement VII by Sebastiano del Piombo.

The company will receive £6.3 million for the painting bought four years ago for £418,000 if it obtains permission to export it to the Getty Museum in California. Sotheby's, the auction house had failed to identify the painting in 1987 and sold it as Italian School. nineteenth century" for

Six months later, the buyer took it to Christle's, who sold it to Agnew's as a fully-attributed work by the High Renaissance Venetian artist.

Sotheby's will not name their unfortunate values, but it is understood that the company paid compensation to the original vendor. Wouldbe British buyers have until February 16 to try to match the price to keep it in the UK.

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High-price art: Sebastiano's Pope Clement VII

Cash offer to save Alzheimer team

Continued from page ! States and cited poor salaries paid to medical researchers n Britain as their chief reason for going.

In a letter in The Times today, however, Professor Peter Richards, dean of St Mary's, says he has "recrived assurances from benefactors which will enable the core of the team to remain here".

He said that a private donor had offered to back the research at St Mary's for four years. "As a result of the press coverage, we have received a very generous offer, sufficient in my view to meet all the essential requirements of all members of the team to stay here if they want to," he said.

Two of the four team leaders, Dr John Hardy and Dr Mike Mullan, have already signed contracts to work at the University of South Florida in Tampa. Dr Alison Goate has been offered a job by Washington University, St Louis, but has not yet decided whether to accept. Dr Martin Rosser, a consultant neurologist, is staying.

Professor Richards said the hinding offer was conditional

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on Dr Goate agreeing to stay. "She's the person I want to keep," he said. "All I need is a first-rate researcher like her to work with a first-rate clinician like Dr Rosser, and we can rebuild the team."

Dr Goate, who earns £18,000 a year, said yester-day she would consider any new offer. "But my husband is a scientist too and he's unhappy with his job because of the lack of adequate funding. Wherever we end up we will both have to be happy."

Dr Hardy was in The Netherlands yesterday to re-ceive the Peter Debje prize, worth £6,000, for his work on Alzheimer's. His wife Elizabeth said: "It will go to pay off our £7,000 overdraft."

• The Times Christmas appeal for the Alzheimer's Disease Society has raised over £23,000, including one donation of £1,000 and several of E500. A total of 743 readers contributed. Donations, marked The Times appeal, may still be sent to the society at 158-160 Balham High Road, London SW12.



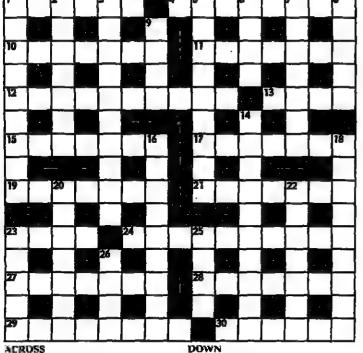


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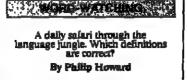
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Profile Bob Tyrrell, head of the Henley Centre for Forecasting, says he is opinionated and obsessive and has an iron will over diers, drinking alcohol, waithing television and everything else in his life, including rejecting pay rises as "bad for the soul". Gillian Bowditch probes his unshakeable self-con-



Allied froths

Shares in Allied-Lyons, the food and drink combine. briefly shot ahead by 80p at the stock market's opening on talk of a bid from a big transatlantic group. Stock market report Page 20

Crèche crush

Childcare tax concessions campaigners are increasing pressure in the Budget runup. They want tax breaks for workplace nurseries extended to all parents who get help



Wait and see

People investing lump sum redundancy payments must be wary of advisers cager to put their money into unsuitable products, says Moira Elms of Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, the accountant. She advises putting the cash on deposit rather than tying it up immediately. For many people, the amount involved is by far the largest they have ever had to handle, and a wrong decision can waste funds that may be vital to tide them over until they are

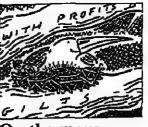


Short fuse

Shareholders in PowerGen and National Power must sell their shares before January 24 if they wish to avoid paying the second instalment, due by February 4 at the lates!..

Balancing act

A surprising number of people are still unaware of their current bank balance. and are willing to write cheques without ensuring the necessary funds are in



On the move

are withdrawing money from their building society accounts to invest in better earners, such as gilts, income trusts and with-profits

Worse than expected forecast accompanies change of chairmanship

Ratners braced for plunge into £72m loss

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

cent of the workforce has been cut in the last year. GERALD Ratner is stepping down as chairman of Ramers Group in favour of James McAdam, the former deputy chairman of Coats Viyella. The appointment accompanied news that Ratners is set to make a loss of about £72 million for the year to February 1. Holders of for closure. the ordinary shares will

not receive a dividend. The trading news was much worse than the City had period had been particularly expected. The highest analyst's estimate of losses had disappointing. In the six weeks up to Christmas, overbeen £35 million. Last year, the group made £112 million

Mr Ratner, who had been looking for a chairman for some time but who had previously resisted pressure to split the roles of chairman and chief executive, welcomed Mr. McAdam, who is aged 61. Mr Ramer said: "I'm convinced I've got the right man up 2 per cent. Overall, the for the company."

A statement said the trading position was about break even, but E27 million of interest costs and £45 million of exceptional charges would push the group into a loss.

The exceptional charges include the costs of rationalising the business — 10 per

THE POUND

US dollar 1.8055 (-0.0395) German mark 2.8386 (-0.0018) Exchange index 90.4 (-0.6) Bank of England official

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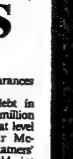
The group's net debt in December was £217 million There are also additional bad debt provisions in America for creditors defaulting on and will remain at that level payments to Kays Jewelers and provisions for future rationalisation and reorganisation. A large proportion of the 20,000 workforce will be cut. and up to 100 stores are due The statement said 1991 had proved to be an exceptionally difficult year for rerailing and the Christmas

all sales were 15 per cent In Britain, where Ratners has 30 per cent of the jewellery market through Ratners, H Samuel, Ernest Jones and Warches of Switzerland, sales in the six-week period were 15 per cent down on last year. At Salisburys, the handbag and luggage chain, sales were

British business will make a trading loss in the current There was a significantdownturn in second-half spending in America, where the group has 6 per cent of sales in December were 11

per cent below the 1990 level. At Sterling, the American chain acquired in 1987, sales were 7 per cent down, while those at Kay, the chain bought in 1990, were 16 per cent down, although the comparison is distorted by post-The group's main bankers

their 1991 peak of 191p.



at the year end. Mr Mo-Adam, who has met Ratners' bankers, said he could not comment on speculation that the group would breach one of the interest covenants on its loans, but indicated that there would be no need for a refinancing before this autumn, if at all. The dividend on the group's American preference shares, due on January 15, is being kept Mr McAdam said: "The

issue of the preference dividend is a very sensitive one. I cannot add to the statement. We've been up front on the ordinary shares and said there will be no final dividend. On the preference shares, it's a different matter. It's a much more high profile, ensitive issue". Ratners is conducting a re-

view of its British operations and trading strategy, which is likely to lead to further rationalisation. Working capital has been reduced and cost inflation is below 10 per cent.

Ramers is assuming that there will be no significant improvement in trading conditions in the current year. Its priorities are to sharpen the focus in each of its market sectors while continuing to enforce tight cash management and strict cost controls.

gave their support to the new chairman. In a joint statement, Barclays and Midland said: "We have a long-standing connection with Ratners Group. We welcome and support Mr McAdam's appointment, which was discussed with us, and we will maintain our close working relationship with the company on an ongoing basis."
Ramers shares dipped to

18p after the announcement. equalling their lowest. before recovering to 21 2.5p. They closed at 21 p, way down from



Handing over: James McAdam (left) yesterday with Gerald Ratner, the man he replaces as chairman

Relaxed start for low-profile Scot

GERALD Ratner could not have picked anyone more un-like himself than James Me-Adam for the job of chairman of the empire which be has

While Mr Ratner has rarely been out of the news since he took control of the family business, Mr McAdam, who joined J&P Coats in 1945 at the age of 15 and rose to deputy chairman of Coats Vi-yells, has a profile lower than the price of a pair of Ratners earrings. Most retail analysts had never heard of him appointment.

Even so, Mr McAdam ap-peared relaxed in Ratners' Mayfair headquarters, His office, which is joined to Mr Ratner's by a connecting door, is smaller but just as lavishly furnished. Mr Mc-Adam was taking no chances yesterday. He brought in his own public relations advisers to handle his appointment to the group which has the highest PR profile — if not the greatest reputation - in

the retail sector. He admitted to having

thought long and hard before accepting the appointment which is seen by many as the corporate challenge of 1992. A mutual friend had asked him if he would be interested in the job three weeks ago, after talks with Mr Ratner

'We both feel very comfortable with the chemistry. I

have respect for him and I think we'll make a good team'

and his bankers. He is sufficiently relaxed not to have signed a contract or agreed final terms for his salary, but he says that the amount of his pay will not worry anyone when it is revealed in the

Mr McAdam is a straighttalking Scot who was educated at Lenzie Academy, near Glasgow. His job now is to regain the City's confidence, which has been badly dented by the news of a £72 million loss at Ramers for the cur-

The job, he says, is full time and his appointment will free Mr Ratner to do the thing he does best - running the shops. "It's more than a full-time job for one person, at the moment," says Mr Mc-Adam. "I will be tackling the financial issues and looking at the organisation and the structure. Gerald will be running the commercial side of the business. I think we complement each other. We both teel very comfortable with the chemistry. I have a real respect for him and I think

we'll make a good team." Mr McAdam says his priorities are keeping a tight rein on cash control and keeping costs down. He said: They we aiready cut the head count by 10 per cent and they've managed to achieve single-figure cost inflation against a background of major increases in high street rents. I think they've done a pretty good job, but I don't know if it's gone far enough at this point. Looking at that

is high on my agenda, as is visiting the United States." Ratners has the equivalent of 20,000 full time employees and Mr McAdam indicated that this would be one area he would be looking at. Shop ciosures and asset sales are also on the cards, although with 2,000 stores in Britain and America, Mr McAdam said Ratners could afford to shut a large number without affecting market share or group turnover.

Pound tumbles against dollar

BY NEIL BENNETT

THE dollar continued to surge upwards yesterday, after the world's foreign exchange markets were encouraged by better than expected

American employment data. Sterling tumbled almost four cents against the dollar during trading in London and fell marginally against the mark. At the Bank of England's official 4pm close, the pound had slipped to \$1.8055, down 3.95 cents. The fall means the pound has lost more than seven cents since Wednesday evening.

Against the mark, sterling eased to DM2.8386, from DM2.8404. The falls reduced the pound's tradeweighted index 0.6 to 90.4. Sterling continued to lose ground in New York, reach-

ing \$1.7870 by lunchtime, although it stabilised against The dollar's rise was

sparked by the publication of last month's American em-ployment statistics. These showed a 31,000 rise in the number of people in work, while analysts had been expecting a fall of up to 70,000. Economists said the figures showed the American economy had grown slightly during the month and that the Federal Reserve would not cut

interest rates this month. Other analysts said that the optimism was overdone and the sudden rise in the dollar was unjustified. The largest increase in payroll numbers came from the state and local government sector, while anufacturing jobs fel 32,000. Jim O'Neill, head of research at Swiss Bank Corporation, said that the Fed funds rate could be cut by up to 0.5 per cent next month.

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Western banks prepared for more concessions

Russia threatens debt default

GERALD RATNER

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WESTERN banks are ready to accept more concessions on debt repayments by the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), according to banking sources, amid threats by the Russian republic that it will otherwise declare a unilateral debt default.

At a meeting with bankers in Frank-furt next week, Vneshekonombank, the former Soviet Union's foreign trade bank, is expected to propose a short-term suspension of interest rate payments. The move will add to uncertainties over the debt of the former Soviet Union. The latest talks come a month after a deal was reached over the suspension of repayments of principal debt.

Georgi Matyukhin, head of the Russian central bank, was yesterday quoted by Reuter as saying that Russia will ask foreign banks to accept a suspension of interest payments "until we solve our internal problems". He added that "if they do not understand, then we have to declare Vneshekonombank bankrupt". Such a threat, if carried out, is tantamount to a debt default, putting at risk what is estimated to be \$60 billion worth

German and French banks have the greatest exposure to Soviet debt, but most of that and those debts to other nations are covered by government guarantees, placing the main risk of an



Matyukhin: suspension eventual Soviet debt default in the hands

of western taxpayers. Mr Matyukhin's comments come a

month after the steering committee, which is chaired by Deutsche Bank and includes representatives of about ten other western banks, reached agreement with Vneshekonombank under which Russia and the other republics will suspend repayment of the principal of medium to long-term debt - the vast majority of total debt - until the end of March, while maintaining repayments of short-term debt. Russia will resume responsibility of 61 per cent of the

Banking sources in Frankfurt have indicated that western banks will show some flexibility towards Russian demands, although this might lead to further provisions against their own-risk exposure to the Soviet Union. Deutsche Bank, which is believed to be the largest creditor bank of the former Soviet Union, has an own-risk exposure of less than DM 1.4 billion, less than the bank's Latin American risks. Of that, provisions have been made for 70 per cent until 1990, with further provisions expected for 1991, leaving only a small amount unexposed.

Susanne Gahler, of JP Morgan, the investment bank, estimated that Russia might just be able to repay interest payments throughout the year because of better than expected oil export voltimes and hard-currency surrender re-

Mr Matyukhin also indicated that Russia will soon introduce an exchange rate of between 8 and 10 roubles to the dollar for foreign investors. This rate compares with a current commercial rate of between 140-160 roubles and a tourist rate of 110 roubles. According to JP Morgan, there will also be a new commercial exchange rate, which will apply to government trade transactions. of 110 roubles to the dollar, against a current 1.7 roubles, and a freely floating interbank rate for private transactions. | assets of E31.4 million.

Macdonald unable to repay debt

BY OUR BANKING CORRESPONDENT

MACDONALD, the publishing house, was placed in administration yesterday after it was disclosed that it owed Maxwell Communication Corporation, its parent, £33 million, and was unable to герау іц. Price Waterhouse, the acc-

ountant, was appointed by the High Court in London as the company's administrator and is in talks with several publishing houses to sell the business. PW is already the administrator for MCC, the collapsed publishing group.

The Macdonald group produces paperback and hardback books, under the Sphere, Abacus and Futura imprints, as well as its own name. Its authors include Catherine Cookson, Norman Mailer, and it publishes Enid Bhaon's Noddy series. The company has annual sales of about \$25 million. The court heard that Macdonald had debts of E42.7 million and

Draft plan should provide starting block of 'final sprint' to deal on world trade

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Dunkel confident of Gatt agreement

IN GENEVA

ARTHUR Dunkel, directorgeneral of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, has set his firmest deadline for reaching agreement on world trade after an encouraging response in private this week to his draft proposals.

Despite fierce public at-tacks on his 450-page draft agreement by European commissioners and France, the community's largest agricultural exporter, Mr Dunkel appeared confident at Gatt headquarters in Geneva yesterday about securing consensus to use his draft as a basis for making the "final sprint" towards a successful end to the Uruguay round of talks. He foresees the deal being initialled, probably by trade ministers, by easter.

Mr Dunkel said negotiations should be finished before mid-April to allow sufficient time for the extensive package of proposed liberalsation measures to come into effect next January. His re-newed confidence follows discussions with negotiators this week before the assessment session on Monday.

Mr Dunkel noted, however, that the process of evaluating his proposals was still going on, which was understandable given that they represented the first complete draft for the complex web of

accords on freer trade. The drafts cover trade in manufactured goods, agricultural produce, services and intellectual property, as well as rules governing interna-tional trading. Mr Dunkel said the various elements had so far been largely in the hands of experts and ministries, who had only now been able to put their heads

together.
Mr Dunkel said it was up to the 108 governments at the Gatt to make the effort to agree on reduced import tariffs in goods and secure improved market access in the services field, a sector covered by the trade body for the first time. He underlined that the final stage of the round would continue to be guided by the maxim "nothing is agreed until everything is agreed".

On agricultural subsidies, the main reason for the round missing its target of agreement by the end of 1990, Mr

Consumer

caution

hits Pepe

By Jonathan Prynn

TRADING down by con-sumers affected by the reces-sion has hit Pepe Group, the fashion clothing supplier best

known for upmarket jeans

Interim pre-tax profits fell 14 per cent from £3.6 million

to E3.1 million during the six months to September 29

after rationalisation costs of

£500,000 taken above the

line as an exceptional item. A

£500,000 charge relating to

the closure of the Norwegian

operations was recorded as

(2.5p). The company said that the reduction should not

be seen as an indication of the

Some markets, in particu-lar the UK, had seen "a

significant move by consum-ers to cheaper brands". The

company added that it would

concentrate on maintaining

margins and the market pos-ition of the brands. Overseas

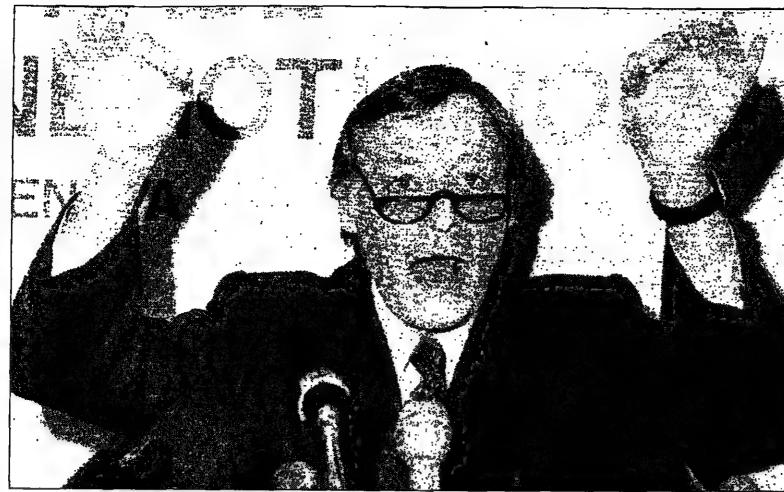
sales increased from 75 per

cent to 80 per cent of the total.

The shares fell 5p to 99p.

an extraordinary item. The interim dividend is 2p

level of full-year payout.



Urging urgency: Arthur Dunkel stresses in Geneva yesterday that agreement on Monday is vital if the Uruguay round is to end successfully

Dunkel sought to avoid direct comment on transatlantic disagreement. However, he suggested that many countries that have already indicated their acceptance of his draft proposals would lose interest in the round if the agricultural element was seriously amended.

There was no more time to 'pick and choose", he said. He reiterated his fears that the whole package would unravel if participants sought to make important changes in any area. Of the governments that will attend Monday's meeting, he said "they can't take and they can't reject anything" contained in his draft

On the question of how much scope remained for change on the substance of his draft, Mr Dunkel said it could be dangerous at this time to be too precise, but that important change would have to be by concensus.

Although fears were raised

GEC, Britain's biggest tele-

communications manufac-

turer, is to cut 750 jobs,

rounding off a week of large-

scale job losses across British

This week's cuts, totalling about 4,000, came too late to

be included in unemploy-

ment figures that will be pub-

lished next week by the

government. Those are ex-

pected to show a rise of at

GPT, which is 60 per cent

owned by GEC, will cut the

workforce at its Coventry

plant by 600. It makes tele-

phones, digital exchanges

and fibre optics. Most of the

job losses will be among pro-

duction workers making

The company, which em-

ploys 18,000 people, said the

cuts were necessary because

of the recession and changes

in technological and market

requirements. GEC-Marconi Commun-

ications, which has extensive

interests in the defence and

telecommunications indus-

tries, said 150 jobs were to go

at its plant at Chelmsford.

Essex.
This week's job cuts were

transmission systems.

industry.

over the Christmas break that the Gatt round could be in jeopardy because of continued delays and persistent differences on farm subsidies, Mr Dunkel highlighed this week's pledge from John Major, Heimut Kohi, George Bush and Kilchi Miyazawa, the Japanese prime minister,

He added: "My clear-cut perception is that everybody wants now to settle."
At the new year, British ministers had voiced concern

to concluding a successful

Uruguay round.

that the whole Gatt round was on a "knife edge". Mr Dunkel acknowledged that some politically toughdecisions were needed, but seemed content to note that

the round was "at the top of

the political agenda". European Community trade and agriculture ministers are meeting in Brussels today to try to agree a common stance in time for the

spread across a range of in-

dustries. The biggest losses,

1,200 jobs, will result from

British Steel's closure of

Ravenscraig in Lanarkshire.

Others include 1,000 at Leavesden, near Watford,

Hertfordshire, with the clo-sure of Rolls-Royce's helicop-

ter engine plant, and 600 at the G-Plan furniture factory

in High Wycombe, Bucking-

Company managers, econ-

hamshire, which is to shut.

omists and union officials

had been bracing themselves

for a new round of job shed-

ding after the Christmas and

new year break. Employment

analysts forecast that there

are more losses to come.

□ UK steel production last

year was 13 per cent down on its most recent peak, accord-

ing to figures released yester-

day. Output - of which

British Steel accounts for be-

tween two thirds and three

quarters — was 16.48 million

tonnes. 7.6 per cent down on 1990's 17.84 million tonnes

and 13 per cent lower than the 18.95 million tonnes pro-

The low figures mean there

might well be even more job

Gatt meeting on Monday.

Recession costs

750 jobs at GEC

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

ScotMet directors resign

Gordon Milme has resigned from Scottish Metropolitan Property, where he had been managing director for six years and an executive director for 22 years. Mr Milne's departure came three months after the company reported a pre-tax loss of £8.4 million.

Paul Birch, formerly the director in charge of development activities, is also leav-ing. Mr Milne's role as managing director passes to Scott Cairns, until now director of property investments.

dle of February. Robert Hough, the compa-The company had nothing to say about the departures. ny's chairman, said the case but such a restructuring of relates to advice that KPMG the board is unlikely to have allegedly gave over tax relief on an £8 million contruction taken place without the agreement of Guardian Royal Exproject. The company expectchange and Royal Insurance, about 39 per cent of the

Johnston buys

Johnston Press is buying Greenhead Books of Hud-dersfield, which had net as-sets of £435,000 at April 28. Johnston has sold Pritchard Bookbinders of Western Australia to the local management for Aus\$130,000 (£52,000) cash.

Fittings warns

British Fittings may not re-ceive its full claim for theft at its non-ferrous metals division, in which case profits for 1991 will fall short of market expectations. Stock losses were about £1.1 million.

Losses rise

British Bloodstock Agency has continued to trade in the red. reporting an Interim pre-tax loss of £412,000 (£309,000 loss). Once again, there is no interim dividend...

Takare home

Takare has opened Arran View Nursing Home, in Saltcoats, Ayrshire - Takare's 22nd home and its first in Scotland.

Hanson move

Hanson's warrant holders have approved the consolidation of two warrant issues into

NHL's troubles claim chairman

duced in 1988.

losses in the industry.

BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE dire financial problems at National Home Loans, the central mortgage lender, yesterday claimed their first board victim when John Darby, the chairman, told the annual meeting that he is retiring to make way for someone to

help restructure the group.

NHL is searching for a new chairman and Mr Darby will step down as soon as a successor is appointed. The company wants someone with strong connections among banks and institutional shareholders to win their help in restructuring and refinancing.

NHL suffered a loss of £46.1 million in the year to end-September because of provisions of £82 million on its £3.9 billion mortgage book, compared with a pre-tax profit of £30.2 million in 1990.

During the summer. NHL was hit by liquidity problems as local authorities withdrew their deposits from smaller institutions after the collapse of the Bank



John Darby: retiring

of Credit and Commerce International. The Bank of England was called in to help arrange a £200 million emergency stand-by facility from a consortium of the high street banks.

Since then NHL has been looking for ways to resolve its financial problems. It accounts was accurate.

considered selling itself to a larger finan-cial group or forming an alliance. But analysts think a sale is unlikely and that the company will create a refinancing

Mr Darby's successor will have the job of lobbying the City for support. He will work with Kevin Milner, the chief executive and a group founder. Mr Darby, a former chairman of

Ultramar and Brel Group, told the group's directors in mid-December that he planned to retire. The company has been unable to find a successor.

At the meeting, Mr Darby said that 1991 was disastrous for the company. "It is my firmly held view that whatever route is chosen for NHL, the company should have a different chairman to lead it into the future."

The company was losing money because of the costs of its non-performing mortgages. "Sales of repossessed property since September 30, however, indicate that our provisioning in the

BUSINESS ROUND UP

Anglian Water price rise less than allowed

ANGLIAN Water has, after all, raised its prices to customers for 1992-3 by less than was allowed under the regime fixed at privatisation. Prices will rise 9.4 per cent, almost half a point less than the amount permitted, which is 5.5 per cent above inflation in the year to November.

Anglian, which was not given a "green dowry" of cash at privatisation, was the only one of the ten privatised groups not to make an explicit offer in response to the request from lan Byatt, the director general of water services, that they should voluntarily raise prices less than permitted. Anglian held back its decision and may have been influenced by the upturn in the annual rate of inflation between October and November. Alan Smith, managing director, said Anglian would still accelerate its investment programme to more than £330 million in the year to March 1993.

More time for Brent

BANKS that lent money to Brent Walker, the troubled property and leisure group, have extended the debt agreement until the end of the month. Both a £35 million interim loan, agreed last July and used to finance working capital, and a global facilities agreement have been extended. The extension is to give the company time to start its programme of disposals. Last month, the characteristics agreement is the characteristic months. its programme of disposals. Last month, the shareholders agreed a reconstruction to save the group from receivership.

Blackland suspended

SHARES in Blackland Oil, the small explorer quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, were suspended at 12p, "pending shareholder approval of a reorganisation". The shares have suffered a sharp fall in their value recently, on speculation of a rights issue. The company confirmed that it is in advanced discussions about a possible large acquisition, which would involve raising new equity finance. At the suspension price, the company is worth £1.2 million. Last year, the shares reached a high of 25 pp. The shares fell 2p

Eisner paid \$5.4m

MICHAEL Eisner, chairman of Walt Disney Co, earned \$5.44 million last year, including salary and bonus, the company said in its proxy statement. Mr Eisner earned \$750,000 in salary and \$4.69 million in bonus payments in the year to end-September. Frank Wells, the Disney president, earned \$2.75 million in 1991, including a \$400,000 salary and a \$2.36 million bonus. Disney's earnings were \$4.78 a share against \$6 in 1990. Bonus payments are related to a formula based on net income and the return on shareholders' equity in previous years.

Lilleshall expands

LILLESHALL has acquired Solarfront, which, through its subsidiary, Crystalware Products, makes a range of plastic houseware products. The consideration was £2.78 million, which has been satisfied by the issue of 1,415,000 ordinary shares in Lilleshall and the payment of £1.43 million in cash. The bulk of the shares have been placed at 96p per share. Lilleshall, in a circular to shareholders, says that the profit for last year will be lower than for 1990, but in the circumstances was likely to be satisfactory. Pre-tax profits at the half-way stage were £1.07 million.

Quicks changes board

QUICKS Group, the Manchester car dealer, has ennounced a boardroom shake up and the closure of its troubled vehicle leasing subsidiary. The moves comes after the appointment of Alec Murray as managing director. The directors standing down are James Oldroyd, who has left the company attogether, James Quick and Michael Davis, who have each assumed responsibilities in HeJ Quick, the main operating subsidiary.

Manchester Ship

Canal sues KPMG

BY NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

ed that it would receive the

relief, worth around £2.6 mil-

lion, almost immediately. In-

stead it will not be paid for up

to four years, and the com-

pany is suing for the addition-

al interest charges it will

incur. The claim is unlikely to

Mr Hough stressed that

the company had had a good relationship with KPMG in

previous years, and that the

firm had not resigned for any

other reasons. The account-

ant was first told of the claim

in April but waited for eight

months before deciding to

A spokesman for KPMG

said the lawsuit would be

contested strongly.

reach court until next year.

MANCHESTER Ship Canal

is suing KPMG Peat Mar-

wick McLintock, the account-

ant, for more than £1 million

for allegedly giving negligent

Hugh Thompson and John

Dixon, two of KPMG's part-

ners, resigned as auditors to

the company on Christmas

Eve, due to the case. Robson

Rhodes, already appointed as the ship canal's new auditor,

is already working to produce

the annual report by the mid-

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Gillian Bowditch finds the head of the Henley Centre for Forecasting is hardly lacking in self-confidence

'I have always

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ROUND UP

tested his self-discipline. He gave up drinking for ten years after a casual dare from a friend. Not a slides at a dinner party," he drop of alcohol passed his lips in admirs. "I tend to get into lecture that period. At his wedding he . mode. I have to draw myself back drank a lime cocktail designed to

for the soul to accumulate exhe gave up electwo years in order to free himself from all outside influences. "He was a great deal those days than

he is now," says

his wife, Jean. ears in "He still likes to be in control. If he cally invalid," he says.

Relaxing includes a weekly run and a daily round cycling trip of 18 miles to the office and back. This regime is religously adhered to, even in bad weather and even if he is not feeling well. "He believes in mind over matter," she says.
This extraordinary degree of

self-control is one of the reasons he has risen so far so fast. At 41, Mr Tyrreli is a millionaire who is running the premier establishment in Britain for predicting and analysing social trends. He likes to describe himself as a man who gets to the future before the rest of us.

"It's not that difficult to predict " the future," he says, "If you spend all your time doing it, you become

But for those tempted to make a career of crystal-ball gazing there is one essential characteristic needed in large measure and which he has more than his fair share of: supreme self-confidence. Once his mind is made up on a

subjects on which he keeps an open mind. His wife says it is almost impossible to win an argument with him. In self-defence he points out that most of his strongly held opinions are based on extensive research. They are not the prejudices of the bar-room bigot.

will of steel.

This makes dinner parties diffith is not the first time he has cult for Mr Tyrrell. "I do find look like champagne.

He used to turn down pay rises 'no, you're wrong,' but you can lose a lot of lose a lot of at that point. Because I can quote

friends that way." But even the ill informed opinions of his fellow diners, are of in-terest to him. "It's important to people's opinions and find out what is behind a par-ticular prejudice, even if, on the face of it, it app-

ears to be empiridoes something he likes to do it his biggest problem when in-whole-heartedly but he has troduced to strangers is their learned to relax". assumption that he has something to do with the weather. He was once described as the man who does for the economy what Mich-ael Fish does for the weather. It's a description he dislikes because he says, unlike Michael Fish, he is rarely wrong.

He never properly switches off from work. Even reading a novel or watching a play be will find himself analysing the social trends. "I enjoy the job a hell of a lot but being so involved is probably not doing me a lot of good".

So what pure of skills these one

So what sort of skills does one need to become the Gypsy Rose Lee of the financial world? Mr Tyrrell, says his great strength, which is shared by other members of the Henley team, is his ability to think imaginatively but also pre-cisely about problems. He can define a problem, quantily it and come up with a solution. "It's a mixture of intellect and

practicality," he says, "and it is a fairly rare combination". The sin



Easy riders: Bob Tyrell takes a rare moment of relaxation with wife Jean and daughter Sophie

Jeremy Long, former finance director of Mecca Leisure and a client of the Henley Centre, describes Mr Tyrrell's main talent as his ability to express difficult intellectual concepts in easy terms. "Economic forecasting can be a fairly cerebral and dry business but he has a lightness of touch that makes it easy to understand". His predictions for the Nineties are a mixture of the obvious and

of false modesty is not one of which he can be accused. the surprising. The general election will be in April and will be won by the Conservative Party.
The Budget will be a "postive one" and we might see mortgage interest relief extended from the current £30,000 to £60,000.

Economically the first quarter of the current year will remain sluggish and recovery will come with ket will pick up, fuelled by a further couple of cuts in interest rates. European monetary and political union will not be achieved because it will be eclipsed by, among other things, the issue of immigration in Continental Europe.

On the demographic front, Mr Tyrrell gets no points for his prediction that Britain is middle aging. His skill is in interpreting what that means. "Pre-1960 sons wanted to be like their dads and daughters like their mums. Post-1960 dads wanted to be like their sons and women like their daughters. But one of the things we will culture. Maturity: sobriety and wisdom will gain currency at the expense of energy and impelousity." he says.

For example, meals, which have become progressively more snack-like, will become more formal. Pension planning will become sexy and something you talk about to your friends. We may even find that the divorce rate comes down. The cult of individualism will be a continuing truth. instead of keeping up with the Joneses we will be keeping away from the Joneses".

There will be a resurgence of a new, more dignified form of feminism and as for the "Caring 90s". they are a myth. "People are as self-interested as ever," says Mr Tyrrell. "What is going on at the moment is a bit of conscience appeasment. Take something like environmentalism. When I was at university you couldn't be ereen and a consumer. The champagne party set was an anathema. Today, house in Richmond. With a family provided the

champagne bot-tle is recyclable, consumerism is OK. People believe the way to soive environmental problems is to buy environproducts, not to cease consuming." He is unforthown luture al-

though he expects he will stay with the business likely to vote Liberal at the forthfor another five years. The Henley Centre is owned by WPP and Mr Tyrrell, who owned 20 per cent of the company after a controversial management buyout of the Henley Centre in 1986, became rich in the process of the WPP deal.

He says the business, which was sold on the basis of an earn out, did not achieve its potential price tag of £18.5 million but even if it achieved only half of that. Mr Tyrrell's share would have been £1.85 million. "It wasn't retirement money," he says.

It would have taken an ex-tremely perceptive forecaster to have predicted his success from his early life. His was an unremarkable childhood. He was born on June 6 1951 in South Wales, the son of an engineer. When he was young the family moved to Malaysia and he and his brother Terry Tyrrell, the founder of Sampson Tyrrell, the design group which is also owned by WPP, were sent to boarding school in north Landon.

From there he went to Oxford and studied Philosophy, Politics

and Economics and joined the Fabian society, occasionally demonstrating against education cuts or on behalf of the miners. His rught career was cut short at Oxford after he broke his neck.

Post-graduate studies at Sussex and Glasgow allowed him to postpone work until he was 23 when he joined James Morrell, founder of the Henley Centre and now an economist at Charterhouse merchant bank. He then worked in America for a spell and on returning to Britain joined the Henley Centre, becoming a director in 1980 and managing director in 1986. In between he did a part-time masters degree in philosophy at the London School of Economics, achieving a distinc-

These days most of his non-working time is spent with his family. He has two small daughters. Sophic aged six and Gracie. four, "I don't have extravagant tastes. What we do have is a nice you tend to put

more weight on money," Hobbies include reading. 'The election will theatre trips, be held in April occasional Richand it will be mond husbands' night out at the won by the bowling ally. These days he Conservatives' says he would find it difficult to

> our Party and is coming election. Institutional re-ligion has left him feeling alienated but he confesses to "feeling that what is inside me is indestructible and therefore there is another level to existence than that which I've experienced".

He describes himself as a mixture of extremes, "In a sense I'm opinionated and determined but there are a lot of areas in which I would acknowledge I do not have a monopoly of wisdom. I can be a little irritating and impatient. I'm definitely obsessive and the over-riding obsession is work".

He admits to a large degree of ambition but says he has never been ambitious in a political sense and does not like corporate polities. He denies being competitive.

"My own yard stick is myself. I've always assumed I would end up at the top. At the root of it there is a supreme self-confidence and a self-reliance. The ambition isn't a driving ambition to step all over people but it's a presumption that the only place I can end up in any organisation is number one".

WEEK ENDING | Matthew Bond

Waiting to catch the bus to Downing Street

conomic booms, I grow increasingly congrow increasingly con-vinced, are like buses, When you really, really need one, there is never one around. Conversely, when things are generally chipper and accelerated growth is just about the last thing on your mind ... wham! All of a sudden three come along together, cause immediate economic congestion and make it certain that there will be a very long wait for the next

Until this week it seemed equally certain that the man most in need of a boom was poor Norman Lamont. For quarter after quarter he has waited - not patiently, it has to be said - at the economic request stop, peering in vain into the murky gloom.

Like anyone who has waited for a long time at a bus-stop, Mr Lamont has attempted to draw on the influence of higher powers. Through clenched teeth he has promised to be good, promised not to go in for electioneering Budgets, in-deed promised just about anything - If only a bus

would come along.
But still Mr Lamont waits, occasionally stirred by what at first appears to be a reassuringly large bus but which, unnervingly, always turns out to be a red removal lorry. The lesson that recoveries

are just never around when you need them is one that John Smith, the man who would be Labour's Chancellor, ought to bear in mind. For the launch of Labour's "Made in Britain" strategy this week once again focused attention on the question of who picks up the tab if a recovery is brought about by public sector investment rather than higher consumer spending.

The answer to this taxing question — one perhaps for the next police recruitment examination - is, of course, the public sector or, in other words, our good selves. Mr Smith, astute politician that he is, refuses to quantify the amount by which Labour's increased public expenditure



might exceed Labour's higher tax revenues - the money raised from the hapless "well over £30,000". But what he does say, frequently, is that any gap will be funded by the higher tax revenues produced by a recovering

Here clearly is a man unschooled in the bus-stop theory of economic recover-ies, which states quite clearly that the bigger the funding gap and the more urgently a recovery is needed to cover it. the less likely one is to come along. All of which makes it far more likely that Mr Smith will have to look for his moncy elsewhere. Mr Lamont has wickedly suggested that those earning more than £5,000 might be a good place

to start. Naughty, but nons.
The vigor of this preelectoral banter has confirmed that both Mr Lamont and the prime minister are confident that their political star is once again in the ascendant. This confidence stems from an eve-of-Chevening breakthrough on the thorny problem of how to stop sterling falling below its ERM floor during the hours

of darkness. The plan apparently is this. Mr Major will embark on an immediate, high profile visit to an as yet unspecified foreign power. At the obligatory banquet with the relevant

head of state, Mr Major will - at an appointed hour - side none too discreetly under the table, coughing

a nasty shade of Tory-blue. Far fetched, you might think, Well maybe, but look what it did for the dollar this week. For Mr Major, the only question still to be resolved is in which country the fainting hi should occur. Mr Lamont and his Trea-

and spluttering and turning

sury advisers are pushing hard for Germany. They are apparently united in feeling that it would, in some way, be appropriate that the signal for a sustained revival in the value of sterling should be a picture of an ashen-faced Mr Major lying in the lap of Chancellor Kohl.

After all, they argue, if the Germans are prepared to jack up interest rates and plunge most of western Europe into a second recession simply because their do-mestic inflation has risen to the undizzy heights of a little over 4 per cent, shouldn't they be prepared to clear up

Others are pushing for the Ukraine, in honour of a country that woke up to the dangers of economic convergence almost before it had woken up to the idea of being

But wherever this crise de eurrency takes place, recovery is now certain, Messers Major and Lamont believe. True, there are some encouraging signs.

anta may not have been generous to Geraid Ratner, or particularly kind to Boots, but he did - if the statistics are to be believed — smile upon Dixons. Texas Homecare and used car dealers, with the latter reporting an encouraging 9 per cent rise in hire purchase-funded sales in December.

OK, so we're in for a recov ery based on hocked Ford Escorts, driven by Walkmanwearing individuals with a passion for textured ceiling paint. If that is a recovery,

France challenges Sir Leon in court

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELE

FRANCE has made another bid to rein in the powers of Sir Leon Brittan, by seeking to scrap the European competition commissioner's agreement with American authorities to exchange information on competition and antitrust

France has challenged the agreement before the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg. The court will probably take at least two years to decide if Sir Leon overstepped his powers when he negotiated it last year.

Officially, the French government has said only that, because the competition accord affects EC relations with a third country, the commission had no right to negotiate it without the approval of the council of ministers. Privately. commission sources say the court challenge reflects French pique at Sir Leon's hard-line stance on mergers.

carrels and state-subisidies. After Sir Leon blocked an attempted takeover of De Havilland, the Canadian plane maker, by ATR, of France, and Alenia, of Italy. last October, the French government accused the commissioner of wrecking European industrial interests by narrow-mindedly wielding the

competition rule book. France and Italy subsequently joined forces and tried to persuade their fellow governments that Sir Leon's competition directorate should work more closely with the industrial policy advisers of Martin Bangemann, the German commissioner. but were given short shrift.

Commission sources say this latest action by France is in the same vein, but also belies the worry in Paris that the competition agreement opens up French industrial policy to more international scrutiny. An American lawyer in Brussels said France, along with other nations, was becoming "very sensitive" about growing commission powers.

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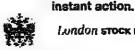
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Pepe's charms fail to excite

PEPE Group, the company behind one of the raunchiest commercials ever to appear on British television, has trouble seducing investors these days. An Eighties glamour stock, Pepe has consistently traded on a low multiple in recent years. That is partly because of its perceived vulnerability as a fashion group, partly because of the illiquidity of the shares.

The interim figures, al-though respectable in current conditions, are unlikely to set many pulses racing. Pre-tax profits for the half-year to September 29 fell from £3.6 million to £3.1 million after £0.5 million of exceptional reorganisation costs. The interim dividend was, surprisingly,

cut from 2.5p to 2p. The best performance in the group came from America, where sales have doubled and where Pepe has 5 per cent of the market in

the UK, which now accounts for only a quarter of sales, trading remains tough, with no sign of an

There is still a lot to play for in the current year, as the group's most important quarter, has only just begun. However, analysts expect no great improvement; £8 million of pre-tax profit would be regarded as credare stripped out, that would be a performance al-most unchanged from last

That the company will survive the slump is beyond doubt. It is holding its pos-ition as the second biggest UK jeans company after Levi. However, an upward rerating from the current multiple of about seven times prospective earnings

Back to business at Smith & Nephew

sensible decision in reaching an out-of-court \$37.5 million settlement after a \$96 million judgment can get back to the business of running the com-

The potential liability stemming from litigation over trade secrets could have risen to \$112 million because of an interest factor, and legal fees that have already reached a total of £5 million could only have climbed higher.

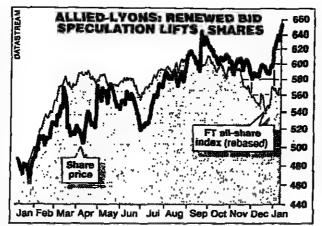
There had been market concerns, not necessarily well founded, that Smith & Nephew may have had to resort to a fund-raising ex-ercise to meet its final obligations, but that cloud, too, has passed.

was also shadowed by takeover thoughts, though who would be prepared for a STOCK MARKET

Allied-Lyons soars on £7bn bid speculation

FRESH bid talk put Allied-Lyons at the centre of early attention, although most analysis remained scentical. The shares in the drinks, food and retailing group jumped 80p in early dealings as marketmakers were caught short of stock. The jump followed reports in a Canadian newspaper of an imminent joint bid for Allied-Lyons by Philip Morris, the American food and tobacco conglomerate, and Seagram, America's biggest drinks group. The bid was rumoured to be planned at 810p, valuing the group at about £7 billion, against a break-up value estimated at about £10 per share.

Bid rumours have swirled around Allied-Lyons in recent months, based partly on Seagram's likely interest in its drinks' brands and Philip Morris's interest in its other assets. Allied and Seagram are, respectively, third and fourth in the world behind GrandMet and Guinness.



start for equities in London was soon reversed with yet another roller-coaster run.

There was a bout of profittaking and market-makers were not keen to open positions on the last day of the

saw the FT-SE 100 index, which was up 20.4 points at one stage, end 20 lower at 2,477.9, but still achieving a

The last day of the account

ernment securities were volatile, ending with falls of around £7s, rattled by lower American and German bond prices and suggestions that Spanish rates will stay put.

As the Allied-Lyons rumour faded, others in the sector lost gains. Grand Metropolitan, up 7p, ended 3p down at 922p, Whitbread A lost 5p to 446p and Guinness eased 2p to 532p. The rumour also fired speculation in some old takeover chestmuts such as United Biscuits, up 4p to 414p, while Cadbury Schweppes, which has often been mentioned as a likely Europe-an target for Philip Morris, rose 5p but drifted to end 1p weaker at 439p.

Rainers lost 2p to 21p after Ramer will step down as chairman. Elsewhere in the sector, Boots lost 4p to 422p, Body Shop 5p to 326p, Bur-ton 1 hp to 34p, Marks and Spencer 2p to 272p, WH Smith A 4p to 429p and Offiver Group, which issued a profits warning, 17p lower at

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Blue chips turn tail

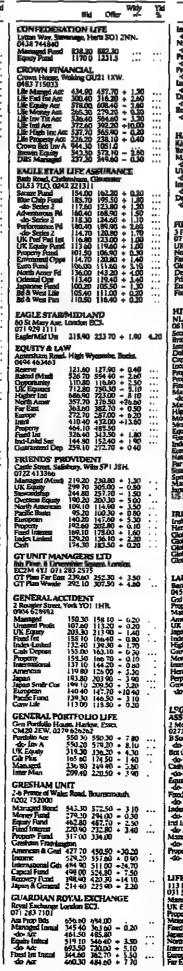
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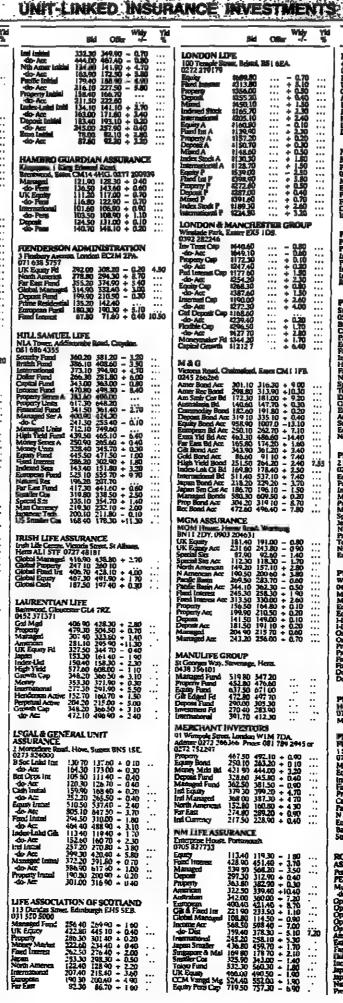
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New York — Blue chips sank in morning trading after a short-lived advance as prosharply lower. The Nikkei index slumped 731.74 points. or 3.17 per cent, to

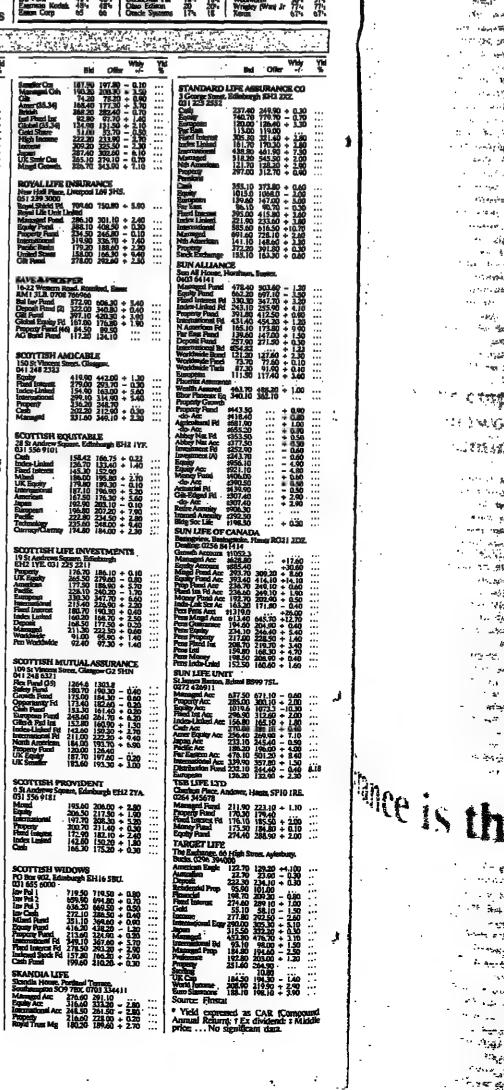
St Ives, the magazine and book printer, fell 27p to 248p after Warburg Securities cut its profit forecasts. The broker has reduced its prediction for the current year, to July, from £23.5 A spokesman for Allied said: "We don't make commillion to £17.5 million. The forecast for the following year 68p.
With most blue chips nursing losses, Coats Viyella perked up 8p to 176p as UBS Phillips & Drew highlighted the benefits of the dollar's has been cut from £30 million to £24 million. ments on market rumours." Some 2 million Allied shares E1.5 billion goodwill writewere traded in about half an eccount. Attention turned to 59.2-point rise on the twooff has not been easy to hour, but the speculation died Wall Street, where the Dow week account. The FT index identify. down and the shares subsid-Jones industrial average endof 30 shares dived 30.6 to The legal settlement will involve a net cost of £14 million, to be taken in the ed to end with a 25p gain at 657p on a volume of 6.3 ed its record-breaking run, 1,874.2, a rise of 32.4 on the strength to the company. Currency factors were also losing more than 20 points in account. Volume reached million shares. A positive early trading and further de-589.7 million shares. Gov-1991 accounts as an exgood for a gain of 6p to 589p traordinary item, but it m Cable and Windess frees North American man-Tarmac lost 7p to 107p in a agement time to develop RECENT ISSUES MAJOR CHANGES generally dull building matethe American business. THE SUNDAY TIMES rials sector as analysts contin-In London, meanwhile, BTR Warrama 1995/96 51
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WEEKEND MONEY

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Customers time and effort is worth something. That was the lesson learned by Norwich Union when it paid out £200 this work. this week to a customer who had spent hours in correspondence over errors in a policy document.
Every other financial institution

ought to take note.

The customer, who happens to be a solicitor, decided to take out a personal pension last spring. When the policy documents arrived, there was no notice telling him of his right to cancel. The him of his right to cancel. The documents also failed to acknowledge the policyholder's age, al-though he had sent in a copy of his birth certificate, and did not detail that the money would be invested in the with-profits funds as he had

requested.

He wrote immediately to the chief executive pointing out that the documentation was defective. Then followed lengthy correspondence, first of all with the local branch of the company and then with senior executives.

After three months the documentation was sorted out and a

Customers' time does matter

proper schedule was issued. He then decided that he wanted a token payment from Norwich Union to cover all the extra work he had been put to. He suggested

Norwich: Union asked the customer to break down his time and expenses and then, after requiring this extra effort, refused to pay anything. In the meantime the customer — having realised just how much of his time had been wasted — was asking for £120 compensation.

Further intransigence from Norwich Union led to the case being taken to the insurance Ombudsman and the claim being increased to £200.

Ombudsmen do not usually award compensation for the time taken to complain but, as Norwich Union had been in breach of statute and the customer had been required by the company to give a



COMMENT

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breakdown of the time involved and expenses incurred, a significant measure of compensation was deemed appropriate by Dr Julian Farrand, the insurance ombudsman.

Since taking out the policy, the reader has taken out another, but did not consider Norwich Union. There is nothing new about the complaint. Weekend Money regu-

larly hears from readers who are sent incorrect policy documents and are then given the run around by the company when they try to get it sorted out. Others still . complain of inefficiencies in set-

ting up policies that result in a backlog of direct debits all being claimed in one month. Financial institutions need to

recognise, when they get it wrong, that they, not the customer, should pay. It is exasperating to spend months writing letters to different people in a company who do not appear to have read the

earlier correspondence. While the victory for one reader does not set any legal precedent it ought to cause companies to look at the way they deal with com-plaints. Top quality staff can turn a grievance into an advantage for a company. Regarding every customer as a time-wasting nuisance can only lose business in the end.

Good companies allow branch managers and relatively junior staff to sort out a complaint with an ex gratia offer. One bank used to send bottles of wine to men and bunches of flowers to women customers. It changed to modest cash when a teetotaller complained. It argues that such payments are cost-effective as a complaint can be disposed of with one letter instead of involving the bank in lengthy and expensive correspondence.

Right move

n industrial tribunal ruled this week that companies that take over other companies must maintain pension benefits. The decision by

Hull Industrial Tribunal will be welcomed by many employees who know how few rights they have where pensions are concerned.

Previously it had been thought that pension benefits were excluded from legal protection. The case was brought by the Manufacturing Science and Finance Union on behalf of a member employed by Walden Engineering. The company had taken over Richard Sizer last year and had declined to continue the Sizer pension scheme.

The inbunal ruled that pension benefits of equivalent value must be provided.

A European directive on aquired rights excludes supplementary pension schemes. The UK transfer of undertakings regulations, which employers to consult trade unions about pensions, mainly apply to changes of ownership of private companies or subsidiaries of public companies that are sold. This week's ruling is another move in the right direction.

Campaigners want workplace crèche relief extended to childminding allowances in Budget

Better tax breaks for childcare demanded

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

THE campaign for more tax £150 a week, although concessions on childcare began in earnest this week when Budget submissions were made calling for all employees who receive help with childcare to be treated the

Since April 1990, those parents who use a workplace nursery have paid no tax on the benefit, whereas employees who receive other help with childcare are taxed if their total annual income including the childcare subsidy is more than £8,500.

The Campaign for Tax Re-lief and Childcare (Trac) says that removing the tax on emwould cost £1.65 million a year to benefit 8,000 parents. lion annual cost of exempting. workplace nurseries from tax. There are currently 4,000 places in workplace creches, which typically cost employ-ers £100 each a week in subsidies. The number has increased by 1,000 since the 1990 Budget but the high start-up costs have deterred other employers from following suit. Midland Bank, the company with the most, has III and plans to stop when four more are opened. This is fewer than half the number originally planned.

In the London area 48 workplace nurseries have closed in the past two years. Trac's long-term aim is that

childcare should be tax-deductible if it enables a parent to go out to work. In France; parents can claim a tax allowance for childcare costs if these enable them to take up paid employment

Trac estimated before talks with Treasury officials last year that the cost of extending tax relief to all paid-for childcare would be £80 million a year, but the Treasury said the cost would be £200

Much of this would go to higher-paid workers who can pay up to £200 a week for a nanny in London plus the nanny's tax, employer's and employee's national insurance contributions and poll. tax. The average cost for a nanny in London is currently

trained nannies start at £100. Outside London the cost of a live-in nanny starts at £80.

To pay for the average nanny in London needs a gross income of £17,200 for a 25 per cent taxpayer, according to KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, the accountant. A higher-rate taxpayer could find childcare taking the top £20,000 of his or her income. Childminders are cheaper

but they charge per child. This can be from £50 a week for full-time care with a mini-mum of £10 a day per child, recommended by the Nat-ional Childminding Associployer-funded childcare ation. The hourly minimum for shorter care is £1.30.

There are about 100,000 registered childminders and they set their own rates according to demand and their own costs. The top rate is usually £85 a week for one child. In Bristoi, for example, the cost of a minder in the area near the university could be the maximum, whereas across town in the St Paul's area it would be barely the minimum, Kay Lyons, of the National Childminding Association, said. These rates are



Taking off the strain: Linda Bradley's employer subsidises day care for Elena

nannies or relatives looking after their children. The Allied Dunbar network started in September 1990 and now has 40 minders with 20 used on a regular basis.

Childcare vouchers were launched two years ago and currently 3,000 parents benemillion is likely to be paid to employees in voucher form. and the Inland Revenue is expected to receive £630,000 in tax on this. While workplace nursery subsidies are no longer regarded as a taxable benefit, other payments and help, including places paid for at independent nurseries. are still taxed at their full value for employees. This means that anyone earning £8,500 or more, including the

Some employers are setting up networks of subsidised childminders for employees

all that the parent has to pay, as minders are self-employed and take care of their own national insurance contributions, if they earn more than £52 a week, and tax, if their profits on the childminding business exceed £3,295.

Some employers are setting up networks of subsidised childminders for their employees to use. The first to do so was Allied Dunbar, the investment group, in Swindon. The company has a workplace nursery and provides the network for parents who do not live close enough to the Swindon headquarters. The scheme provides replacement childminders when the usual one is ill or on holiday and will give emergency cover for employees with live-in oenent, pays tax on it at their top rate. Employees' national insurance contributions are not charged on the vouchers. So far most of the recipients

of the vouchers are in the public sector. Employers of-fering them include health authorities, county councils and the National Audit

firms pay more if the employee has more than one child. The recipient is free to

The employers decide on the amount to be paid to employees. It ranges from £5 a week to 190, paid by a solicitors' office to one partner. The average is £25 per employee although some

choose any form of paid childcare. These are usually childminder, nanny or nurs-

ery, to whom the employee pays the vouchers in part, or full, payment. The vouchers are then returned to Childcare Vouchers, a subsidiary of Luncheon Vouchers. and the carer should be sent a cheque within 24 hours. The employer pays a service fee fit from them. This year £3.5 ranging from 5.9 per cent to 7.8 per cent of the value of the vouchers issued but does not pay employers' national in-

> Trac estimates that 12,000 people get help of some sont from their employer with childcare. It recognises that the number would rise if no tax was charged to the employee on the benefit, but feels it would not be open to abuse.

surance contributions on

In its submission to the Treasury it says that Heaton v Bell in 1970 indicated that, where salary was replaced by benefit, the benefit would be treated as if it were still salary for tax and national insurance purposes.

There are 2,500 subsidised nursery places at independent nurseries, 1.500 employees receiving cash allowances, 500 parents using childminding networks, and about 500 employees getting an allowance to pay for nannies, according to Trac. Working for Childcare is

also campaigning for tax exhelp provided by employers, but does not want general tax relief for all childcare. Next week, together with several providers of childcare and other parent lobby groups, it will launch a campaign to make childcare an election issue. Vote for Childcare will write to all political candidates pointing out the need for the provision of more

Corporate warm feeling

LINDA Bradley gets Childcare vouchers worth £37.50 a week from BMW. her employer. These go to-wards the £85 a week she pays a local childminder to look after 18-month-old

The car company, based in Bracknell, Berkshire, pays 75p an hour for childcare up to a maximum of 50 hours a week. It is available to any employee with children under 14 in paid care, but not as a subsidy for private education. Since it was launched last

January — two months after Mrs Bradley returned to work - 40 staff have taken advantage of it. Three-quarters are men, and in some cases the vouchers have enabled their wives to work for

other companies.

Mrs Bradley works as a human resources adviser and pays tax at 25 per cent on the vouchers. This amounts to £9.37, cutting the cash advantage to her to £28.13. "It

looks after Elena and her own children." Mrs Bradley

if a workplace nursery were available, she might not want to use it as she lives some distance from her office and prefers Elena to spend her days in a home environment.
The scheme can be used on

an occasional basis so that parents can go shopping or to appointments and pay for their children to be looked after. The actual amounts may not be great but it takes the strain off families and gives employees a warm feeling about the company." a spokesman said.

At Cornwall County Council parents who are members of administrative, profes-sional, technical and clerical staff can get up to £25 in vouchers to pay for childcare. The scheme started in De-cember 1990 and was renewed for a further year last month. About 70 employees, mostly women, receive the vouchers to pay for childcare

for under-fives. Most of the recipients are full-time and are taxed at the basic rate on the benefit. Julie Harrison, principal per-sonnel officer, said.

Debenhams' Lakeside store at Thurrock, Essex, began a Childcare Vouchers scheme when it opened in October 1990. At the time, a large number of retailers were recruiting for the dev-elopment and Debenhams wanted to give itself an advantage, Jo Steen, personnel manager, explained.

So far about 50 staff - all women - receive vouchers. Because most of them are part-time they do not pay tax

on them.
Teachers in Tower Hamlets, London, can get £16 a week in vouchers for each child in care. The education authority also operates a creche, which closes at 4.30

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There is a separate grant to cover the insurance contributions of childminders paid to look after children up to six outside the family home. This covers the social security, pension contributions and unemployment insurance of the

FOUR European Community countries carer. To qualify, the salary of the registered nanny must not be more than five times the national minimum wage.

Families also get tax relief for children. This is equivalent to half an adult tax allowance for the first two children and a full allowance for subsequent children.

Belgian families can claim tax relief on 80 per cent of the costs of care for children under three. Parents have to use a publicly approved service to get the allowance. As a result, some registered carers have stopped taking in children rather than declare their income and pay

taxes. Others have increased their fees. Luxembourg families who pay for childcare can claim a tax-free allowance for children under 14 so long as they supply proof of their costs. In Portugal,

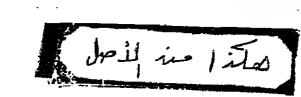
tax relief is also available, but without

proof of the childcare costs only half the relief can be claimed.

The Dutch government withdrew tax relief on childcare in 1990 because higher-paid earners were getting a disproportionate benefit. It decided to spend the money saved on day nurseries and family day care services.

- In America the system also benefits high earners most. Parents can set up to 30 per cent of their childcare costs against their tax liability, up to \$2,400 per child. The cost of the tax relief almost quadrupled between 1981 to 1990. It rose from \$1.2 billion to \$4.4 billion.

Only 2 per cent of children under three have publicly-funded childcare in Britain, compared with 48 per cent in Denmark and 20 per cent in France and



Don't let lump sums burn a hole in your pocket

NEXT week's unemployment figures are expected to show a further rise after November's 39,000 jump. But many of the newly jobless have the

blow softened by lump sums. These can be quite substantial for people with long service, but deciding how best to use the money can present more problems, says Moira Elms, a senior manager at Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, the accountant. "For many people made redundant," she says, "such lump sum pay-ments are the largest amounts they have ever had to deal with. Even for those who are used to making financial decisions, the situation is often completely different from anything they have faced in the past.

More and more companies are asking experts to provide advice in seminars before redundant employees leave, Those who are not lucky enough to have had such advice make easy prey for financial salesmen.

Mrs Elms says: "We have come across cases of redundant people being sold completely unsuitable products, such as with-profits bonds, which are designed for longterm investment and have

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redundancy is to put it in a high-interest account and wait

cover the high commission the salesman receives. It means if the redundant person is out of a job for longer than he expects and needs to cash in his investment, he may get back considerably less than he invested."

A Prudential spokeswoman said while redundancy courses could be provided for companies, salesmen had no special training to deal with clients who sought advice on what to do with their lump sums. "After completing a personal financial review." she said. "a salesman will give advice based on the range of products he sells. He may well

recommend a bond." Financial advisers paid fees for their services by employ-ers, and who do not rely on commission, say there is only one course of action suitable for most people when they are comments: "Since few know how long they are going to be out of work or to what extent they will have to supplement state benefits from their own resources, the only sensible thing to do is to put their money on deposit in a bank or building society."

Harry Roberts, divisional director of Towry Law, a financial intermediary, agrees. Most people need their cash to tide them over until their next job, so it must be accessible. Whether it is £5,000 or £50,000, a high interest account is the best option."

Kean Seager of White-church Securities, another independent adviser, cautions against taking an immediate transfer value from a former employer's scheme and investing elsewhere."It would be better to wait and see what your new job offers



Be wary of financial salesmen: Moira Elms advises putting cash on deposit rather than tying it up at once

first." He says it is worth waiting for the European Court's judgment on the Coloroll case, expected in the spring. "This will clarify how pension schemes should pro-vide equal benefits for men and women and may well result in higher values for men."

20 years or more. Even people who decide to use redundancy as an oppor-Mr Roberts of Towry Law says the first priorities when

Association, says: "Don't lock

into a long-term investment,

such as an annuity, in the

early years of retirement that

you may end up regretting for

tunity to take early retirement benefits in the future."He you are made redundant are should not be hasty. Bernard Ring, of the Pre-Retirement

to register as unemployed and to consider the tax position. "Even if you are receiv-ing an early retirement pension, registering as unemployed will ensure that your National Insurance contributions are covered, so that you do not lose out on state pension, sickness or invalidity

adds: "If a man is married

and his wife is not working, he should consider giving some of his redundancy cash to her so that she can ask for interest to be paid gross to use up her personal allowance. If she is working, he could transfer his married person's allowance to her." Mr Seager

fully about repaying debts.
"Repaying credit card bills is generally a good idea because of the high rate of interest, but not if by doing so you are short of cash. Similarly, while you might consider paying off that part of your mortgage that exceeds the £30,000 tax relief limit, it may not be worth the loss of the flexibility that having the capital gives

The time to decide whether to do more with your money is when you have a new job, Mrs Elms says. "One of the first things to do is to check to see how your pension has suffered. You may decide you need to top it up. Then, if you want to save for a rainy day, there are a number of alternatives you can consider before seeking financial advice, such as 36th Issue National Savings Certificates, 5th Issue Index Linked and tax exempt

special savings accounts." But even when you have a new job, Mr Seager believes it is better to wait a while. "Find out if you like the job and whether your face fits. Make sure the company is sound. If it also starts to hit difficulties you may be the first to be asked to leave."

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Decision time on power and BT share sales

BY LIZ DOLAN

THE second, and final, payment for shares in National Power and PowerGen is due next month. Shareholders must pay a further 75p a share, or 61p if they applied for an instalment discount.

Those who do not wish to pay the call must sell their

shares by Friday January 24. If they have not sold them by then, they will have to pay at least £225, or £183 if they applied for an instalment discount, by February 4, or risk losing their shares. They cannot sell until next Wednesday, when new "number 3" certificates are due to ar-

Most of the current 883,989 National Power and 819,551 PowerGen holders bought at the 100p issue price when both companies joined the stock market last spring. They are sitting on gains of 32p for National Power and 42p for Power-Gen. At their peak last autumn. National Power hit 170n, and Brace Control 170n. 170p and PowerGen 179p. Graeme Moyse, an analyst at Kleinwort Benson, said both were worth holding for a couple of years, even if Labour won the election, but were not good for short-term

Most people hold only the minimum 114 PowerGen and 186 National Power shares issued when the companies joined the stock mar-ket. They will therefore have to shop around to avoid losing all their profit in dealing costs, which have to be paid separately for each company. Skipton Building Society (0800 232324) charges £9 minimum, plus £2 per extra family member with the

same surname and address. A family of four selling shares in both pays £30. The Share Centre, in Tring, charges a minimum £10 per company, with family members at the same address pay-ing an extra £1.25 each per company. There is no limit to the number of people in the

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Centre pay £9.50 minimum.
The eight special BT II offer share shops charge lower than normal dealing rates. Barciays' share shop charges a minimum rate of £12.50. It does not accept discount vouchers. "We wanted to keep it simple." said Justin Urquhart-Stewart, head of customer services. NatWest's postal service costs £9.95, plus £1.25 for each addition-al family member. Its branch-based touch-screen service costs £25 minimum. or £15 with share shop discount vouchers, with up to four extra family members free. Norwich & Peterborough charges £20 minum, or £14 for 35 popular

The share shops are braced for a rush of sellers when BT goes ex-dividend on Monday. Warburg, broker to the latest BT issue, caused confusion by implying in the prospec-tus that shareholders who wanted to qualify for the first wanted to qualify for the first dividend must keep their shares until January 31. The prospectus said only holders on the register at that date would qualify. A spokesman said January 31 was a "record date", allowing two weeks to ensure all those who owned the shares on, or after, January 13 appeared on the January 13 appeared on the

register. Sales so far have been very slow because of the disappointing premium. They have started to pick up this week, possibly because some people are taking advantage of the higher cum-dividend price. Mr Urquhart-Stewart has also noticed a slight up-turn in the number of people

using the special vouchers for buying shares.
Until recently, the ratio was 80:20 in favour of sellers. Over the past few days, the proportion had moved closer to 70:20 he seid closer to 70:30, he said. That's good news, because the whole point of setting up the share shops was to make the stock market accessible to a wider section of the

The energetic Skipton Building Society, not one of the eight official share shops, has still managed to pick up more BT business than at least one of the government-

least one of the government-backed shops.

The Skipton has sold three million BT partly-paids for people tempted by its £5 rate.

The Norwich & Peter-borough, which charges £9.50 for BT II sales, has sold Slightly more than two milslightly more than two million to date, despite the free marketing it has enjoyed as an one of the official share

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WITH interest rates falling. the attraction of building sociery deposit accounts is fading and people are beginning invest for income

As base rates have slipped 4.5 per cent from their peak of 15 per cent, so the gross rate of interest paid by the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society's highest yielding account has fallen from 15.3 per cent to 11.2 per cent. Money has fled the building societies into investments such as the best selling with profits" life assurance bonds, which took more than £1 billion last year.

Also pitching for the building society money are equity income unit trusts and gilts. Annuities are also attracting some money, despite a fall in rates, but they differ from the other options in that the original lump sum is lost.

As a simple rule of thumb, gilts offer the most predictable return of all three investments, and income unit trusts the least. But then income unit trusts tend to offer a better investment return. With-profits bonds fall between the two on both counts.

But before taking their sav-ings from the building society, investors should remember that these are not shortterm investments. Anyone who will need their money in less than three or four years should leave it where it is.

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oping the investment, al-though many have followed over the years. Tim Miller, M&G's marketing director, said: "If you are investing you have the choice of a higher fixed-rate investment or a lower income from equities. But with equines your income

should grow in the future." Equity income unit trusts are portfolios of shares chosen because they pay high dividends. Those dividends increase every year when times are good and so should the shares' value. Over time both the trust's yield and value should increase.

M&G's four UK equity income funds are currently paying a gross income of between 6.8 per cent and 7.8 per cent. On top of that there should be some capital appreciation in the amount

But the performance of these income funds — there are about 120 of them varies widely. While £100 invested in the Newton Income fund at the beginning of 1986 with income reinvested would now be worth £244_30. the same sum in the Dolphin Dividend fund would be worth only £95.10,

Over the next year, investment managers face a diffi-cult time maintaining the funds' yields. Recession-hit companies are likely to cut their dividend payments.

Most equity income unit trusts pay out only twice a year. Those wanting a more frequent income could buy a selection of trusts with differ-

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its funds initially and then 0.75 per cent annually in charges. This is at the cheap end of the scale, but charges should not be much more than that

Gilts are the favoured instments of grandmothers all over the country, who like to buy them and not lose any sleep at night. They are guar-anteed by the Treasury, pay a fixed income, and will be redeemed at a set price.

The income yield is pald out twice a year, and each gilt is worth 100p when it is finally repaid. So a Treasury 8.75pc 1997 with a price of 95.9p last week will pay an income yield of 8.75 per cent every year between now and 1997, when the holder will The total return on a gift

held to redemption, includ-Stockbrokers take 1 per ing both income and capital appreciation, varies between about 9 and 10 per cent Gilts also offer investors the opportunity to choose between income and capital

rate taxpayers often buy gilts with a low yield, or "coupon". because they want big tax-Paul Killik, senior partner of Killick & Co., the private dient stockbroker, , recommends that investors buy gilts with a spread of maturity dates over five, 10 and 15 years. If they do not, investors

might find most of their gilts redeemed when it is difficult to get good rates of return on

cent of the sum invested for dealing in gilts. Alternatively, gilts can be bought more cheaply through the Post Office and put on the National Savings Bank register. In that case, income is paid without tax deductions.

Where with-profits bonds score against the others is in their flexibility. It is up to the investor to decide how much income to draw, aithough the more the money paid out as income, the less the bond will be worth when it is cashed in. The income can also be paid as frequently as it is needed.

The disadvantages are that capital gains tax is deducted from gains and cannot be reclaimed, and the salesman earns almost double the commission he would for selling a unit trust, which has an influence on the performance of the bond.

The with-profits bond is aggressively sold as a halfway house between equities and the building society. There is some truth in this it has an investment perfor-

mance approaching that of a portfolio of shares without the volatility. But it tends not to perform quite as well as a pure equity investment, nor is t as stable as the society.

Underlying the with-profits bond is a fund mainly made up of equities, but which also holds property and fixed in-terest securities. They make its performance smooth but not spectacular. Many of these bonds also have facilities for switching into pure equity or cash funds.

Insurers are cutting their bonus rates on these investments because the equity and property markets have not lived up to expectations.

Because it is a life assurance product investors can take the equivalent of 5 per cent of their initial investment each year without paying tax. The fund itself pays tax at 25 per cent, so there is no benefit to the standard-rate taxpayer, but there is to the higher-rate

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The guaranteed rate of return is 25 per cent gross for a five-year term, or per cent for three years. This is quivalent to simple interest calculated at 3 per cent, or 5 per cent gross per annum, a rate that is obviously much lower than those currently available on tax-exempt special savings accounts (Fessas). It is therefore aimed at people who

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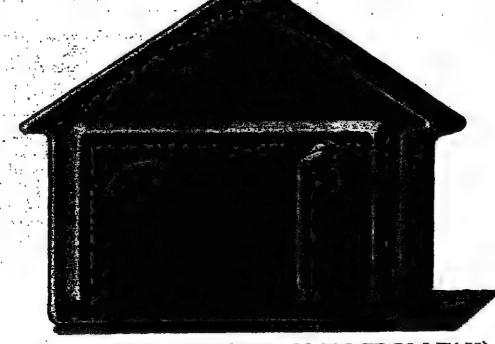
term, the return is calculated by working out the percentage difference between the FT-SE index on February 13 1992 and the index on the same date in either 1995 or 1997. To chart the progress of their investment during the period, bondholders should work out the percentage difference between the

The bond is available for a maximum of one month. Tony Fitzsimmons, chief executive of Bristol & West, said funds would be accepted on a first come, first served, basis until, at the very latest, February 11, but he expected the popularity of the offer would cause it to close earlier. The minimum investment is £1,000. the maximum £1 million. The funds are then locked in for the life of the bond, unless the bondholder dies.

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Barclays runs pilot computer scheme in nine branches

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Banking at the touch of a button

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

foreign currency, sell insurance policies, pay bills and give mortgage quotes have been installed in nine branches of Barclays Bank to reduce queues at the desks of personal bankers.

Looking like a cash dispenser, the only service they do not offer is money. Barclays' customers can complete transactions on the screens by using their Connect card and personal identification number.

Customers from other banks can obtain quotes from the machine for household or travel insurance, or learn the foreign exchange rates available, but they cannot go ahead and buy without hu-

Barciays users can go ahead and arrange home contents insurance on the spot and he issued with a cover note by the machine. They can also pay bills without making prior arrangements.

As long as they have got the voucher from their electricity. gas, community charge or credit card bill, they can key

COMPUTERS that order in the amount they wish to pay and feed the voucher into the machine. It then issues a

> Customers can select when the bill is to be paid. This way they can cut it fine on paying credit card or electricity bills. making sure that their salary is paid and that they do not pay earlier than they need to.

Barclays has not offered bill-paying via machine before. Automated teller machines offering bill-paying services usually need the customer to pre-arrange with the financial institution which companies he or she will pay

London branches in Cheapside and Victoria are taking part in the six-month pilot. So are Albion Street, Leeds: Kings Street, Maidstone: Queens Road, Bristol; Swindon: Wantage: Woking and Selby branches.

The Bristol branch was chosen because it is close to the university and has a large number of student customers.

Selby, with a population of 12,000, was selected because it was thought that not many



Selby pioneer: Bev Walker, a Barclays customer, tries the new technology

customers would be confident with computers, a bank spokeswoman said. People in Yorkshire took to it immediately. "It was like Dr Who's

Tardis arriving." Dozens of customers in the relatively small branch with no passing

use it was a customer who is going to Australia. She wanted to know the exchange rate 57 days' travel insurance.

Andrew Bailey, manager of self-service banking at Bar-days, said the nine Touch-Bank screens were very much a research-project. The bank had chosen a cross-section of locations to find out what services customers wanted.

For the first time, customers will be able to obtain a statement instantly from a machine. The bank's cash dispensers only give a credit balance and allow customers to order statements. In addition, customers can obtain a print out of all their standing orders and direct debits

Those who buy insurance or order traveller's cheques they do not need will be able to cancel by contacting a member of the bank's staff.

The bank's house contents insurance requires the post code, number of bedrooms in the home and the value of contents for the machine to

The £1 million pilot could lead to the machines being offered in all 2,500 branches of the bank at a cost of £200

Bank balance size remains a mystery to most

A LARGE number of households still take a surprisingly elaxed attitude to personal debt, despite the recession, according to a survey on con-sumer spending habits carried out for Mercantile Credit, the personal loan

Fewer than one in five people questioned were making more of an effort to budget carefully than they did before the downturn, although nearly one third of all respondents, rising to 37 per cent in the hard-hit South, had been forced to spend less.

However, this was the only obvious sign of concerted belt tightening south of the Wash. Overall, southerners seem to be taking a surpris-ingly relaxed attitude to debt. the survey found. Fewer than

one in two knew how much money they had in their bank accounts at any time, and over half admitted they were not very good at budgeting. More than two in three east Midlanders said they always budgeted carefully. The Scots

turned out to be a more financially slapdash nation than their popular image may indicate. Their answers indicated that they were, in fact, almost as bad as Southerners at juggling their

These regional trends held firm throughout the survey. Olivia Rossiter of Mercantile Credit said: "We can only guess at the reasons. Possibly southerners have traditionally regarded themselves as affluent, and it is taking them a while to react to the

"There's probably an ele-ment of 'it hasn't happened to me yet, so why should I bother?, whereas Midlanders, who had a tough time in the early Eighties are still very cautious. Or maybe it's just a cultural thing going back over generations. For instance, men in Yorkshire and Humberside still take less responsibility for household expenses than those in other areas, probably a hang-over from the days when Yorkshire miners handed over their paypackets to their wives on a Friday night."

A cavalier attitude to debt is by no means a Southern preserve. More than half of the people surveyed through-out the country are still failing to keep a running total of their bank balance, and one in four say they will spend money even if they believe there is no money in their

Women are more careful with their cash than men, although this may be partly due to the fact that they tend to have lower disposable incomes. One in three keeps detailed records of personal and household expenditure, compared with one in five

To help spendthrifts face facts, Mercantile has produced a free household accounts booklet, in which all income and outgoings should be recorded every



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THE offer of a free pair of eans and a leather wallet has been too much for most school leavers to resist. TSB has doubled its share of this market since it launched its special school leaver account, complete with free gifts and a cash dispenser card.

The bank, which plans to add to the school leaver package in the spring, now has 17 per cent of the market against per cent a year ago.

During the year the bank has also taken its education initiative into 3,000 secondary schools and appointed 170 school liaison officers to give money management ad-

vice lessons to pupils. Barciays, the largest bank, still attracts most school leavers, although it offers only a £10 music voucher or £6 cash

to those opening accounts.
Lloyds' card-based Headway account gives an elec-tronic databank for logging telephone numbers, a cash card and a cheque guarantee card for those over 16. Interest is paid monthly at 4.13 per cent net (5.5 per cent gross) on all balances.

Midland offers the Midland Live Cash account for 13 to 18-year-olds, which allows them to purchase compact discs for £9:49 and cassettes at £6,49. National Westminster Bank has no free gifts for 16-year-olds.

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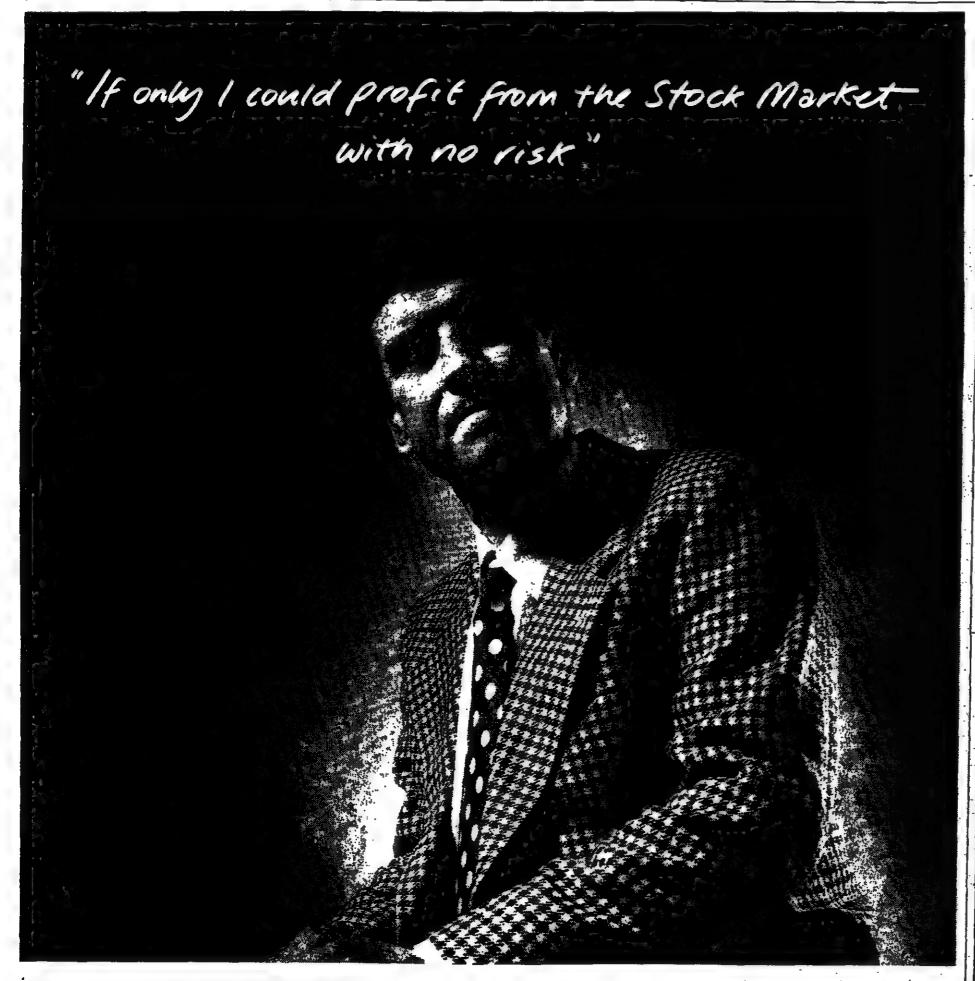
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Girobank to levy credit card fee

GIROBANK is to relinquish its status as one of the few banks who do not charge an annual fee for credit cards. However, it is unlikely to start charging credit card customers until later this year, probably during the fourth quarter.

Philip Bryant, corporate affairs manager, said: "We are one of a dwindling number not to impose a fee, but we can't maintain that policy for ever." It was far too early to say how much customers would be asked to pay, or whether the bank would employ some sort of tiered

charging structure, he added. Credit cardholders can cheer themselves up with the news that Girobank has de-cided to bring down interest rates on all outstanding balances on its Classic and Oxfam Visa cards. From January 2, the annual percent-age rate has been reduced from 28.3 per cent to 26.5 per cent. The rate on Girobank's gold card is unchanged at 18.7 per cent.

The Co-operative Bank has extended its from 18.7 per cent.

extended its "free" gold card offer for a further six months. The bank has had more than 80,000 applications and says it has issued some 65,000 cards. The card gives up to 46 days' free credit to customers who pay their outstanding balance by the due date. Those who borrow but make payments by direct debit are charged 1.75 per cent a month, an annual percentage rate of 23.1 per cent. The interest rate is 26.8 per cent APR for other payment

Many applicants com-plained that they were un-fairly turned down when the card was first launched in September. Since then a large proportion have been accepted as customers after their applications were re-ex-

Lenders jostle for rare business

BY LIZ DOLAN

AS repossessions continue to rise and house prices to fall, mortgage lenders are having to dig deeper than ever to find products attractive enough to tempt reluctant homebuyers. This has resulted in a steady flow of fixed-rate and capped mortgages, with rates shaved to increasingly generous levels.

Michael Hughes, chief investment strategist at Bardays de Zoeie Wedd, said: "I have a feeling that interest rates over the next five or ten years will be marginally lower than those on offer from fixed-rate schemes, but they do offer substantial peace of mind, which is something that many people will be quite willing to pay a bit extra for."

The other question homebuyers must bear in mind was what was likely to happen to house prices over the next ten years, he said.

During that period, there would be fewer 25 to 29-yearolds who powered the housing booms of the early Seventies and late Eighties. Mr Hughes calculates that, taken by itself, this factor would reduce house prices in



real terms by 20 per cent, although that was without accounting for all the other variables that affect them .

The Halifax Building Society reports few signs of any recovery in the housing market. It expects prices to start increasing by the end of 1992, but rises will be marginal. House prices fell by 3.5

per cent last year, the society said. During December alone, they declined by 1.3 per cent. It is no wonder that

lenders are getting desperate. The Leeds Permanent Building Society, which last week stunned the rest of the market with a 25-year fixedrate scheme, has subsequentlaunched a more

conventional two-year "cap and collar" mortgage, capped at 10.75 per cent. The minimum rate, or collar, is 9.75 per cent, which comes into force when the society's variable rate falls to that level

The arrangement fee is £150 and there is an early redemption penalty of one month's interest. Borrowers may also chose their own fixed-rate term of between three and five years, as well as between 20 and 25 years.

The Woolwich has two new fixed-rate mortgages, one at 10.65 per cent for two years. and the other at 10.55 per cent for five years. Both are available only on an endowment or pension basis.

The two-year scheme carries a £150 application fee, the other one of £195. The redemption charge is three months' interest on both.

Three new schemes from Barclays are all fixed at the same rate of 10.8 per cent. for application fee £150 is added to the loan on completion, but waived if the customer takes out an endowment, pension or mortgage protection policy

and three-year plans is two year mortgage it is five months' interest for the first two years, and three months thereafter.

Cheltenham & Gloucester has launched a mortgage with a three-year fixed-rate of 10.55 per cent. The application fee is £100.

Northern Rock's new mongage is fixed at 10.25 per cent until at least April 1 1993, or 9.85 per cent for borrowers of 70 per cent, or less, of the value of the property, guaranteed until the same date. The arrangement fee is £200. Borrowers must take out Northcontents insurance package, Supercover Special.

The Derbyshire has a fixedrate morigage of 10.5 per cent until March 31 1994, The administration fee is £125 and borrowers must also sign up for the buildings and contents package. A new fixed-rate mortgage from the Portman Building Society carries a £100 fee on application, plus a further £250 on completion. The interest rate is fixed at 10.7 per cent until March 31 1997.

☐ Morgan Grenfell Investment Funds has set up the Japan Bullet fund, an offshore fund that will be invested in exactly the same stocks as the existing Morgan Grenfell Japan Small Companies Fund. The latter is available to institutions only. Both will be managed by the same team, based. in Tokyo, which invests only in companies where it has met the management. People who use an independent financial adviser during the fixed offer period, February 3 to 8, get a 1 per cent discount. The minimum investment is £1,000, the initial unit price is 100p and the initial and annual fees are 6 per cent and 1.5 per cent respectively.

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the capital of Italy could soon be holidaying at the expense of the Norwich & Peterborough Building Society. People who book through N&P's travel arm, Catours, have a one-intwenty chance of winning a £2,000 discount on their holidays. Customers are asked to identify the Italian capital from a list of three names, and are then batched together in groups of 20. The first correct answer to be drawn from each batch wins the £2,000 discount. In practice, this covers most holidays booked, according to the N&P. Catours is an ABTA

Skandia Life has launched a new version of its Lifetime critical illness cover plan, which pays out on death as well as providing all the other benefits available on the original plan. Lifetime and Lifetime Plus both offer cover up to £500,000 on diagnosis of a number of critical illnesses, including HIV/Aids contracted during blood transfusion. The minimum contribution on the new plan is £25 per month, or £250 a year. On the original plan, it is £15 a month, or

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Guardian Royal cuts payouts

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The lower returns are the result of a decision to cut all reversionary bonus rates. Theunnouncement follows reductions of terminal bonus rates on December 1, weighted in term policies.

GRE said the rates had fallen because inflation and interest rates were lower than previously. A spokesman conceded other companies had made smaller rate reductions, but said maturity values were

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HOLDERS of a 25-year worked out in different ways by different life offices.

In contrast, General Acci-dent Life has increased terminal bonuses paid on all longterm with profits life policies, while leaving reversionary bonuses unchanged. The manirity value of a 25-year endowment policy taken out with GA is now 3.4 per cent higher this month than a year

The company said only a few thousand" policyholders will benefit from this increase, because few policies were sold 25 years ago. A much greater number of people hold GA's maturing 10-year policies, where exit values have fallen by 0.1 per

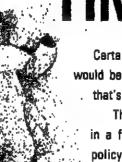
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added a 6 per cent bonus to all policies taken out before January 1 1977. Maturity payouts for 25-year endowment policies have increased by 6.3 per cent, year on year, but have declined by just over 2 per cent for 10-year policies. CU has reduced the return on its unitised withprofits pension policies by 13.5 per cent to 12.5 per cent.

The maturity value of a 25year policy taken out by a man aged 29 at a £30 month-£65.255 from GA, and .£65,596 from CU, compared with £44,093 from GRE. A ten-year policy taken out on the same basis pays £7,024 on maturity from GA and £7,484 from CU, compared with just £5,479 from GRE.

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Pinning down the flaw in Chargecard security

From Mr Ian Baird

Sir. Do your readers know that they may be carrying on their person the equivalent of a blank cheque at their expense in favour of BT? On October 7 1 reported to BT the loss of my wife's Chargecard which had been in her handbag stolen that day.

You can imagine my surprise on discovering on my last quarter's account that about 5240 of Operator Connected calls had been charged to my account, having got there between October 8 and 28 by fraudulent use of the stolen card. BT

From Mrs Kathleen Watt

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we waited expectantly. My

admits its error and will credit the overcharge.

However, it makes a mockery of security against misuse provided by issuing a separate personal identity number known only to the cardholder. This applies to direct dialled calls. Calls can be made by anyone through an operator merely by quoting the account number embossed on the Chargecard itself.

If a holder does not report the loss of a card to BT (perhaps because unaware of its loss), he is liable for all subsequent calls made by using that card since BT opera-

calls. Slightly perturbed by

now. I wrote to the registrars

on or around November 20.

enquiring re the dividends

On December 20 I person-

ally received a letter stating

that as I had voided the con-

tract my holding would be

sold elsewhere. I replied imm-

ediately in a repeat of my first

letter. On December 23 I

received a letter in reply to my

November query, enclosing

the two dividend warrants

and stating that our change

Electricity shares forfeited in muddle over new address

tors will happily allow anyone acquiring the card to make calls. A lost card is thus equivalent to a blank cheque.

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BT now advises me that the only way to avoid this risk is to note in some code form the numbers on the card and then destroy the card or leave it in a secure place. This advice should have been offered by BT at the time of issue. Let all BT Chargecard holders beware.

My husband has not yet had

As my son is barely aware

of his holding, apart from enjoying the dividend, it

seems strange that they should have chosen to change his address but not ours. We

realise we shall at some time

receive our initial investment

but we shall obviously lose our

bonus shares and are unlikely

to buy again as that would

require to be through a third

party.

Yours sincerely

his confirmation of this.

Yours faithfully, IAN M. BAIRD. 6 Park Lane. Haddington. East Lothian.



Plastic heirs of the Blackpool landladies

From Sir Herbert Durkin Sir, As an occasional traveller in Europe, I usually obtain foreign currency by means of cash advance on a credit card as the most convenient (if not

necessarily the cheapest) way. Earlier this year, I discovered that there was a considerable exchange advantage in using Access rather than Barclaycard for this purpose.

Alas. Access has now appreciated the discrepancy and adjusted its charging system to be the same as Barclaycard. Thus it seems that competition in this field operates to raise prices to the highest level of one's competitors rather than drive them down to the lowest level.

Obviously Access is applying the Theorem of the Blackpool Landladies. This states that "All Blackpool landladies charge the same rent".

Blackpool landladies and that X charges more rent than Y. Hence Y does not charge as much rent as she could, which is absurd. Therefore, all Blackpool landladies charge the same rent. Yours faithfully. H. DURKIN, Northwood, Middlesex.

From Dr Mary Corbett Sir, For years I have taken travellers' cheques in French francs when skiing in French resons, but now French banks (and in September last, French post offices) have taken to charging commission when the cheques are encashed.

Eurocheques seem a bit expensive and I'm damned if I want to pay twice for travellers' cheques. Is there any option your readers can suggest? Yours faithfully. MARY CORBETT, 152 Harley Street, W1.

Pep managers unnecessary

From Mr A. C. Bennett Sir, Your extensive coverage of personal equity plans in this morning's edition (Weekend Money, January 4) prompts me to send you the following information concerning my Pep with Barciayshare, under which I

select the investments. The limits set suggest that this tax "saving" vehicle is intended for the small investor. For the year ended December 31 the result was as

Basic rate tax saved 186.83 Charges

Taking into account higher rate tax 331.23 Total tax saved 247.96 83.27 Charges

Who is the main beneficiary? This absurdity arises Revenue's clumsy methods. Why must managers be ap-pointed? The system could quite easily be operated through my tax return, leaving the benefit with me rather than with the money

management industry. Yours faithfully, A. COLIN BENNETT, 7 St. Michael At Pleas. Tombland.

Norwich.

From Mr Edward Addison Sir, I was quite amazed to read (Weekend Money, January 4) how lucky the investor in Lloyds Peps was in 1991 his £2,400 became £3,833 at

I invested £7,800 in a Lloyds Pep in June 1989 and lo and behold in June 1991

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Shares for the surviving spouse

INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

From Mr Ronald Beasley Sir, I refer to the reply of Touche Ross to Mr T.W. Morland's leper (Weekend Money letters, December 14) in which it is stated that if shares are transferred between husband and wife inter vivos the transferee's gain for capital gain tax purposes is the same as if the transferor had held the shares

all along.

Can Touche Ross carry the advice one stage further, to state what the base cost will be for a surviving spouse who inherits shares from the deceased spouse, with whom he/she has been living at the

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time of death, and free from inheritance tax? Yours faithfully, RONALD W. BEASLEY, Merriethought Cottage. 108 Baring Road. Cowes, Isle of Wight.

Although no capital gain arises on death, even if the shares have appreciated since acquisition the surviving spouse is deemed to have acquired the shares at market value at the date of death. Since inheritance tax does not bite either where the shares are left to the surviving spouse, this is one of the few black holes" in the tax systems.

KATHLEEN M. WATT. son then received a call for his of address had not been re-21 B Abercromby Place. The proof is as follows. Assecond instalment which we ceived, and therefore our Edinburgh. sume that X and Y are two shareholding would be lost paid, then waited for our own ORKETS AROUND THE WOR

THE VIEW FROM SAVE & PROSPER

UK market up 16% in 1991 but still good value... Dow Jones gained 20% over the year... Japanese trade surpluses push yen higher ... Pacific region markets expected to benefit from any US economic recovery...further interest rate rises in Europe now unlikely.

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Good value at current levels.

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■ Despite strong end of year rally, market still yields 5%, traditionally a buy signal, and represents good value.

■ We expect lower inflation and lower interest rates to continue in 1992, despite short-term upward pressure. The market will react favourably to this. Despite the recession, the market was up 16% in 1991.

Politics will increasingly overhang the market, with an election not more than 6 months away. Recent polls have shown a Labour lead, which short term will unsettle the market.

■ Benk of England, Chancellor and Prime Minister have all stated an interest rate rise is not needed in the short term. Devaluation is inflationary and unlikely in an election year.

UNITED STATES After a strong rise, market looking

overvalued short term.

US economy now appears to be closer to a recovery following the Fed's decision to cut interest rates dramatically. This boosted the Dow Jones to an all-time high.

US interest rates are at their lowest for 27 years; so low that interest on cash deposits is not an attractive proposition. Further money is expected to flow into equities and bonds.

■ The Dow Jones gained 20% in 1991 despite war and recession. The market now looks overvalued short term, and consolidation is needed.

Economic recovery is expected to come through in mid 1992. However, as in the early months of 1991, the market is in danger of getting ahead of itself, anticipating too much good news.

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Support at current levels.

Market rallied on surprise interest rate cut by the Bank of Japan, but remains 40% below previous peak and represents good value on both an historical and international basis.

■ With the economy slowing rapidly. further interest rate cuts can be expected in 1992 and should drive the market

■ Strong trade surpluses mean that the yen continues to strengthen, which is to the benefit of sterling investors.

■ Larger companies expected to outperform smaller companies until economic revival is underway.

SOUTH EAST ASIA Good opportunities in certain

■ Hong Kong market was up 42% in 1991.

This strong performance is expected to continue with plenty of domestic good news anticipated.

■ Pacific Region markets are expected to be some of the major beneficiaries of any US economic recovery, and this has yet to be reflected in valuations.

■ Interest rate cuts have recently occurred in Australia, Thailand and Singapore providing an impetus to the markets.

■ Korean market has just been opened to direct foreign investment and provides interesting long term potential.

EUROPE

Markets waiting on Germany.

■ Germany recently raised interest rates 0.5%, and most other European countries found it necessary to follow suit. We believe this rate rise is likely to be the last.

As 1992 progresses, the German economy will slow sufficiently to allow interest rates to fall, as they did in the UK and US in 1991. This is typically the first phase of a bull market rally.

■ Events in the now-defunct Soviet Union may unsettle European stock markets and the deutschmark over the next few months.

Larger companies are likely to benefit first when investor interest returns to European markets.

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Lloyds luck

the beginning of December

after two years it became £7,851 — a gain of £51.00. fund What

price managers? Yours faithfully, EDWARD N. ADDISON (Chairman). The Addison Tool Co.. Elliot House, Victoria Road, NW10.

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London Scottish must be wary of Wrigley's threat

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE prospect of international rugby on the horizon may prove a diversion or worse for some clubs this weekend, but not at Richmond. There, London Scottish and West Hartlepool, the two unbeaten teams in the second division of the Courage Clubs Championship, meet in a match which may have a decisive bearing on the race for promotion.

Scottish lead their rivals from the North-East, having played one game more. "If they win they are certain of promotion in my book," Dave Stubbs, the West Hardepool coaching organiser, said. "If we win, although we have a way to go, the general feeling at the club would be that we had one foot in the first division, with Newcastle Gosforth constituting the main

The Scots have two of their international forwards, White and Burnell, available, as well as their trialist, Harrold. But they are down to their third scrum half. Withers-Green plays because Millard is out of action with a damaged hand, and Troupe received 15 striches in a facial cut suffered last weekend.

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West Hardepool, in contrast, parade the country's leading try-scorer at scrum half in Jonathan Wrigley, a player who, in Stubbe's estimation, deserves more attention than he has yet received.

Courage Championship

Guscott returns at centre as

the champions of lest seeson meet the present first division leaders. Ainscough makes ble phout at stand on for

Leicester, replacing Harrie; and Glesing comes into the second row to replace Johnson, who is recovering from concussion.

Inter beat Rugby in both lengue and cup last season but have lost their five international squad members, the injured Young and the departed Egan. Burns, Koohane and Byros join the back chitsion against a Rugby side whose pack is disrupted by injuries. Manu moves to lock, Fry is at hooker and Gubbins and Simme reloin the back row.

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Occell v Bréstol

Northampton v Hariequins

Peckman is fit to take his place on the Northampton wing in a team making no concessions to international demands. Victory

shead of Harlequine, who are without seven first-choice players, including Carling, Hellidey

Orrait, who beat Bristol for the

London Irish v Rugby

Buth v Leicester

Despite the odd injury the compact Wrigley has scored 21 tries, which speaks well of his forwards, and was watched last week by two of the northern division

However, West travelled yesterday with a squad of 19, to cover for the possible absence of two forwards, Mitchell and Pook. Both have been ill this week and may not have recovered in time to play hooker and flanker respectively. Howe, the divisional lock, has recovered from a knice injury and will have a battle royal with Scott in the

lineout -The England squad for the game against Scotland next week will gather just down the road from the Athletic Ground this evening, al-though Ireland's spend all today, as well as tomorrow morning, together, to the grief of London Irish.

A clutch of England internationals have withdrawn with injury and illness from the Harlequins team which plays Northampton, as has Edwards, the new Scotland lock, but such considerations have not weighed with Rodber and Bayfield who, despite making their five nations' championship debuts at Murrayfield, turn out for the Saints.

The loyalty to his club of Tim Rodber, England's one new cap against Scotland.

strength XV, including Morris— now restored as the England scrum half. Wring plays his first league metch of the season at centre for Bristol as does

Johnston on the wing.

Rosslyn Pack v Wasps

Roselyn Park welcome back Thomas to the wing as they hope

to open their league account at the abth time of saking. Childs's return from holiday means. Buzza can move from centre to full back for Waspe, with Pligrim on the wing and O'Leary available at look.

Unchanged Seracens play Gloucester, the only unbesten first division telem, for the first time

ovision treat, for the jest time in a league match, having crawn and lost by five points at Kingsholm in successive years. Smith, Jones and Caskle—
Gloucestar's Scotland triallets—all

return as does Matthews at stand-off after recovering from an

Heineken first division

Lienelli renew their assault at the top without their internation

Lianelli v Bridgend

does him credit, and it must be hoped he does not regret it. This is a big month for us at home because we have Bath in a couple of weeks in the cup," Barrie Corless, the Northampton director of coaching, said.

Uttley's

scene

changes

for Best

BY DAVID HANDS

he teaches. Not that En-

coach wants to be seen

"hanging around", as he puts it, while his successor.

Dick Best, takes his first

nal. On Tuesday he received a well-merited award for his

main sponsors — the following night he was at a school

prize-giving in Surrey, one of the many invitations after he relinquished his

honorary yet time-consum-ing role with England.

It's very nice to have the

"Of course, Harlequins are amazingly strong. They bring in players from their second team who would be regulars in other clubs. But we showed in the cup final last season, by taking them to extra time. that we can handle them."

Bath cannot afford to concentrate upon anything other than recovery in the league; they have now dropped four points and defeat at home to Leicester, who beat them at the Recreation Ground in a titanic cup struggle last sea-son, would probably be the end of their championship

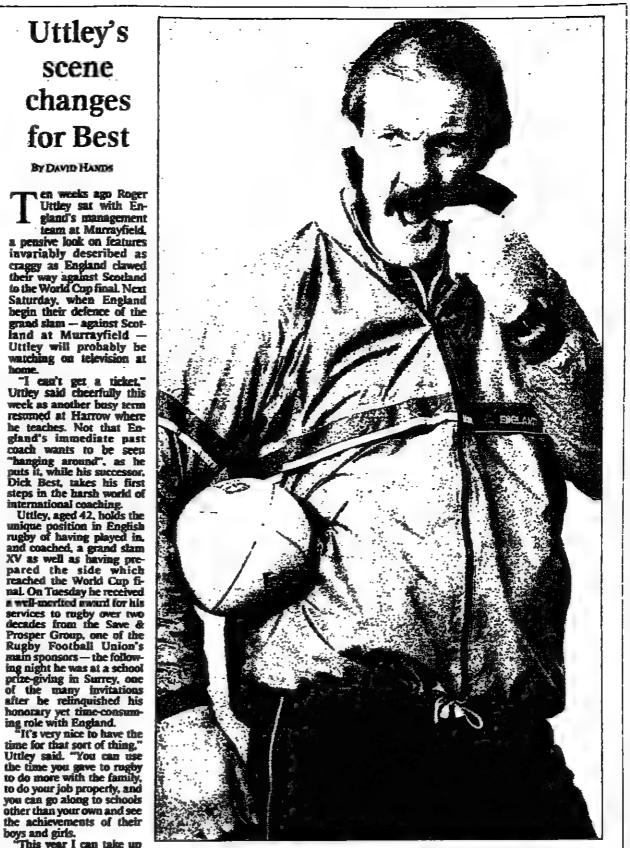
Back, the England B flank-er, has withdrawn from Leicester's back row because of a shoulder injury, but so he did a year ago and Tebbun, his replacement, was out-standing. This year he is replaced by Povoas. a No. 8. which may detract from the mobility of the Leicester pack. An added dimension to the

game is provided by the duel at stand-off half between Barnes and Ainscough, who is making his debut in Leicester's senior side; both men are in the England B squad against Spain next weekend.

time for that sort of thing,"
Uttley said. "You can use
the time you gave to rugby
to do more with the family, to do your job properly, and you can go along to schools other than your own and see Maesteg v Poutypridd Pontypridd heve Michiesh available after his Scotland triel and will hope to move further away from hapless Massteg, who are still without a league point. Burnell, once of Cardiff, is now eligible for the Pontypridd back the achievements of their boys and girls. This year I can take up the invitation to the world

rowing machine champion ship which I had to turn Neeth v Cardill down last year because it clashed with the England-Scotland match. Andy Rip-ley and I did well in the Phillips, the former Wales hocker, makes his first league appearance of the season for Neath after a beck injury. Laity and Bell appear in a revamped threequarter line and ahould help the champions move clear of Caroliff, who are just below them. British championship so we both go to Boston next month during school half-term. It's a lot of fun and for Newport v Newbridge people who still enjoy a competitive atmosphere it's Traditional Gwent rivelry will come into play at Rodney Parade, with Newbridge showing the stronger form of late. Both clubs

a greaf opportunity." Uttley's great virtue when be began coaching England was his playing experience, the honesty and practical virtues of his approach, a sincerity which produced a have named squads, with Waters, Newbridge's internal hooker, under pressure from Johnson for his position. Pontypool v Swansea Pontypool, missing Vince Davice with a broken leg, recall Spiller at fauther and give Martin Jones, normally a full back a game at stand-off in the standing ovation when he spoke on Tuesday. When he came into the post, Engiand's playing reputation holiday. Victory would put them top. Swansaa are without Stuart Davies, their new International, and Webster; Arnold is likely to play No. B and Richard Evans look. was in tatters after the 1987 World Cup; now it has been re-established and, in contrast with the structural



Time for reflection: Uttley discovers there is life outside rugby's big-time

problems facing Ireland, Scotland and Wales, England can face the future with confidence.

"My main concern for this season's championship is France," Uttley said. "I'm a great admirer of Pierre Berbizier [recently appointed the French coach]. He was a crafty player and they were foolish to leave him out of their World Cup squad. He's just the guy to go in and sort them out and with the wealth of talent they have, they must be a

dangerous side.
"I'll miss being part of the rugby. You get into habits when the team gathers at the Petersham the Wednesday before an international. The management team. Geoff Cooke, John Elliott

and I, have become great friends over the last four years and I'll miss the crack with them. It's a wrench but change is inevitable. It would be wrong for us to outstay our usefulness.

eoff and I agreed a long time ago on the need for continuity during our life with the team, to make sure we could pass something on, a gradual process in the playing and the management context so that we could avoid the traumatic sort of change there has been in

the past. The players have one new face to cope with and they're comfortable with that. Just as, on our side, last season we reckoned

Glasgow Ac v Royal High

that if we had to have change in the team we could afford two, maybe three, without affecting the development of the side. "In fact, England have

been able to bring in two players with international experience already, and even the one new cap has toured with the senior side to Argentina and knows what to expect.

"I've spoken to Dick Best and I'll do as much as I can to help and assist if required. I'm just looking forward to seeing players I have dealt with continue to play well and get even better. There is great potential skill and expertise and that degree of confidence to continue to be successful."

East sides have a point to make

By DAVID HANDS

ALTHOUGH this is no time for parochialism, the old east v west Wales rivalry could not help but bubble to the surface when the Welsh team to play . Ireland was named this week. Not one player from east of Cardiff was in the squad of. 21, regardless of the prospect of two Gwent clubs, Ponty-pool and Newbridge, heading the first division of the Heineken League after today's matches.

Pontypool must beat Swartsea, the leaders, who have seven players in the national squad, to take over at the top. The crowd at Pontypooi Park will have in mind last season's 63-6 humiliation at St Helen's, even though Pontypool won both the return league match and the cup semi-final. Should they win, then Newbridge could by beating Newport, join Swansea in second place — easier said than done. Both Pontypool and Newbridge have teams devoid of stars, and so do not lose many players to national squad meetings.

Both clubs could benefit in representative terms from the introduction of an emerging players team, a concept adopted as part of the national development programme by Jeff Young, the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) technical director. The WRU is to establish a committee to oversee international requirements and it has been impressed by Australia's dev-

elopment programme. The committee may make recommendations for a tour, for emerging players. It will take into account club commitments, such as those of Pontypool, who plan a tour of New Zealand this summer.

Dale McIntosh, the No. 8 from New Zealand, who missed Pontypridd's league match last weekend because he was required for Scotland's trial, returns to Edinburgh tonight after the match with Maesteg so that he can assist the Scottish squad in training for the game next weekend against England.

French must experiment

THE French selectors meet today to choose a squad for their opening five nations'. championship match in Cardiff on February 1. They must replace Serge Blanco and Pascal Ondarts, both retired, and may overlook Patrice-Lagisquet, the out-of-form.

Should Jean-Baptiste other full backs are contenders as wings: Jean-Luc Sadourny (Colomiers), and Sebastien Viars (Brive).

first time in a league metch last season, resume their quest for. GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

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Tennents Scottish Cup Second round replay

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First division Hamilton v Ayr Utd. Meadowbank v Forfar.... Montrose v Raith R.

Copery, Huw Williams plays stand-off and Derwyn Jones second now against a Bridgend side; with Thomas at centre and Gerrard at prop, looking to make ground on the leading four.

Second division . Albion R v Berwick...

FA TRIOPHY: First round: Altrinchem v Stalybridge, Atherston's v Dorlding; Aylesbury v Newport AFC, Bargor City v Greatme; Blytin Spartners v Garteshead; Bromley v Worselfer, Chelchenter v Wesidestone; Colchester v Kingstonten; Dagonham v Bestvey, Errifield v Stalydi; Flestwood v Morecambe; Prickley v Northellerton: Gisucester v harrow; Leek Town v Flurezor & Mesodesiad v Bester, Merthyr v Dartford; Northwich v Hyde; Southport v Bashop Aucidents Stattord v Hames; Surton Calcilled v Femborough; Southport v Bashop Aucidents Stattord v Hames; Surton Calcilled v Femborough; Southon Lid v Best Petard v Standardwich V Rugby v Kertering; Wallton and Hersham v Kiddeminster; Wallton v Billing v Dover, Writtop v Barrow; Witton v Billing v Westberg; Wycomba v Markour, Wolang v Chesham. FA TROPHY: First round: Altrinchem

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Staines; Hendon v Windsor and Etor;
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Peter v Cryolon; Dutvisch v Abingdon;
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Boreham Wood, Stevenage Borough v
Yearing. Second division: Beneteed Athetic v Barton; Berkhamstad v
Southwick; Harefield v Ruisilp Manor;
Lewes v Ballerias; Metiden Valle v
Leetherhead; Newbury v Saffron Waldon.
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Ware v Hungerlord; Wishen v Metropolitan Police: Worthor Coffer Reve v Eastbourne; Felstern
Heath v Edgware; Herstord v Petersfield,
Horsham v Hondwarth; Kingsbury v
Royston; Tilbury v Bracknet; Tring v
Hempton.

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Waterlouvite. Southern division: Ashford v Bueldingham; Baldock v Andows Renierse v Burnham; Bay v Dunstable; Fareham v Stringbourne; Hastings v Gosport Borough; Havant v Hythe; Newbort, IsW v Ertin and Belvedere; Sudbury Town v Canterbury City; Winsey w Margate. Midland division: Alvechurch v King's Lynn; Bedworth v Yate; Haddesford v RC Warwick; Hinckley v Parny; I section of the Committee of

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Morth Stalaise Price v North Ferrike; LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper v North Shleids: Brigg v North Fertley Ghusthoughton Weltere v Eccleshin Liversedge v Sutton Town; Martty NW Ossett Albion; Shetfield v Ponteinsch

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FOOTBALL

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FA TROPHY: Pirst round: Redbridge Forest v Bromegrove (3.00).

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WOMEN'S FA: Premier division: Des-caster Belles v Knowsley Und; Ipswich Town v Notis Rangers, Macdetone Ti-gresses v Red Star Southempton; Wyopladon v Millerall Lancesce.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Prelimi-nary round: Kells v Hull Dockers (at Whitehaven, 2.60); Whitefield v Hudden-field (1.00).

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Heineken Welsh League

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Carfelle v Coeby, Chester CO v Sunderland Bedene, Great Herwood v Carfete v Croeby, Crester Communications Sedante, Great Herwood v Newcastle, J I Case v Springfields Newcastle, J I Case v Ormskift Poynton v Wal Ford. South: I Poyntion vivillatiness, worksop v Crimsum, Pord. South: Eastcotte v Winchmore Hill; Reading v Trojane, Sunbury v Wolking; Winchester v Cheam; Worthing v Southempton. West: BAC v Weston, Firebrands v Taunton; Gloucester v Chedenham; Green Dragons v Ecelari. Leominater v East Gloucester, Redland v Calcald. Winterson. PUZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE. Old Kingsjonians v Duhvich

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE:
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(7 30); Mancheste v Sunderland (7 30);
Thames Valley v Lencester (7 30); Hamel
Hempotead v Worthing (8 00); Cheshre v
London (8 00) Second division: Greenwich v Oldham (7 00); Bury v Brinten
(7 30); Coventry v Doncaster (7 30); Birdel
(7 30); Coventry v Doncaster (7 30); Bermsley
v Brazbourne (8 00) Ware v Plymouth
(8 00).

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HEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pre-mier division: Bracknell Boes v Ave HEINEREN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pra-mer division: Brachnell Bees v Aw Raiders: Durham Waspe v Murrayheid Rucars. Nothingham Panthers v Norench and Peterborough Prates First division: Basingstoke Beavers v Tailord Tigers; File Fiyers v Sevindon Wildcers, Mitton Keynes Kings v Sough Jers ENGLISH LEAGUE: First division: Shel-leid Steelers v Haringey Racers, Solent Vikings v Octord City Stars Sunderland Chiefs v Medway Bears

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ROYAL BANK NATIONAL LEAGUE:
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Aquila; Hriton Leeds v Speedwell
Rucenor, Wessex v Pelonse Ealing,
Reebob Liverpool v Team Mizzino Malory;
Minchester Utd v Newcastie (Stafts) VC.
Second division: Eastway v Daiston OB,
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RAF v Dynamo London: Easez Estonien v
Malory B, RTB Cheater v Weymouth
Jewson, Radio Trent Rockets v Crunch
31 Women: Second division: Purbrook v
Lakeland Ledies Speedwell v Reethel

BOWLS

MANCHESTER UNITY LIBERTY TRO-PHY: Group two: Lancs v Derbys Blackpool Borough); Leics v Northum land (at Melton Mowbray). LACROSSE

BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Cheadle v Old Waconlans; Hudmesans v Sheffield Steelers, Mellor v Asthon, Sale v Heaton Mersey: Sheffield University v Stockport OTHER SPORT

DARTS: Embassy world champion SNOOKER: Mercantile Credit Classic TABLE TENNIS: English Open (NIA -

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BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford v Burton, Cody v Halesowen; Dorchester v Moor Green; Poole v Crawley: Trowbridge v Waterlooville. Southern division: Ashford Berry; Lescester Litd v Numeron Borough; Redditch v Dudley; Rushden v Grantham; Solibull Borough v Tamworth; Stourbridge v Bodgnorth.

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP
(3.00 unless stated): First division:
Bradford v Wigen; Casteford v Safford
(3.20); Hull v Wennigton (5.15); SI Helens
v Featherstone, Swinton v Heates. Second division: Leigh v Ryedial-York
(3.30); Oldham v Sheffeld, Rochidele vLondon Crussaders Third division: Berrow v Chorley (2.30); Batley v Highfield
(2.30); Keighley Bramley (3.15); Nottingham v Devistury, Searborough Firstes v
Hunslet (3.20); Trafford v Doncaster
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RUGBY LEAGUE

Defensive shield can earn Leeds an elusive trophy

BY KEITH MACKLIN

Laughton away from Widnes to be their coach they were aware of the risk. Some pessimists wondered whether Laughton's coaching techniques and motivation. which had brought a decade of success to Naughton Park would travel over the Pennines and succeed where Malcolm Reilly, Maurice Bamford and David Ward had failed.

With Leeds in second place in the championship, and in today's Regal Trophy final against Widnes at Wigan. Laughton has gone a long way towards silencing the doubters, despite the long absence of Ellery Hanley.

The last time Leeds won an important trophy was against the same opponents in this same trophy on the same ground in 1984. Leeds succeeded 18-10.

They are in excellent and consistent form, and are playing so well as a team that they have managed to shrug off the absence of Hanley. The defence has become the most improved section in the Leeds side under Laughton's guid-

WHEN Leeds lured Doug a side with attacking flair, only for the suspect defence to let them down. But not this

> Widnes, however, have seemed alarmingly vulnerable in defence. This was demonstrated in the recent league game against St Helens, when Widnes conceded 24 points despite playing against 12 men for most of the game.

Leeds's defensive improvement has not weakened their capacity to attack. Schofield is scheming better than ever at stand-off half, the experienced Creasser has emerged from the injury shadows to play his best ever rugby, and the New Zealand full back, Morvin Edwards, has proved to be an outstanding buy.

Widnes will be without their influential half back, David Hulme, who has pneumonia; brother Paul takes his place. It seems likely that they will be without the Tongan forward, Koloto, though Tait and Davies return.

In tomorrow's championship games. Wigan, who have won six successive league games, can steer further away from Leeds by winning at Bradford Northern. Gerald Cordie gets his first full game of the season for Northern, opposite Martin Offiah, playing his second for Wigan.

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Peter Fox, the coach, has yet to decide the rest of the team. There are doubts about rhe fitness of Steve McGowan and Henderson Gill, who were injured during the midweek defeat by Hull.

St Helens should remain in contention after the home match against struggling Featherstone. They make two changes in the pack: Sonny Nickle is in their starting lineup for only the fifth time this season, and the veteran prop. Paul Forber, replaces George Mann, who is suspended. Rovers stick with the 13 which won at Halifax last week, only their second win in ten league games.

Gary Mason, the former British heavyweight boxing champion, will be given a trial with the A team of Keighley Cougars towards the end of the month.

Mason, who lost his title last year to Lennox Lewis, retired from boxing recently because of a detached retina and wants to try rugby league as a new career. ☐ Doncaster are in such a

poor financial state that they have placed all their players on the transfer list.

CRICKET

Ramiz in sparkling form

scintillating 74 to take Pakistan to an easy eight-wicket victory over Sri Lanka in the five-march series yesterday.

Although Pakistan suffered an early blow, losing Zahid Fazai for nine to the bowling of Champaka Ramanayake, they were never really challenged by the Sri Lanka attack.

Ramiz took the man-of-themetch award for his flambovant innings, which included ten fours in 107 balls. He was eventually caught by Roshan Mahanama off a ball from medium-pace bowler.

returned to form by hitting an Monday.

Sargodha: Ramiz Raja, the unbeaten 60, reaching his opening bassman, scored a half-century off 96 balls.

Pakistan, who put Sri Lanka in to bat, took full advantage of overcast conditions and first one-day international of a overnight dew to restrict the visitors to 155 for six off their Wagar Younis was the most

successful Pakistan bowler. taking two for 13. Aqib Javed, Imran Khan and Akram Raza took one wicket apiece. Only Asanka Gurusinha

and Hashan Tillekeratne made respectable scores, each himing 37. Gurusinha fell to Akram Raza, caught by Imran Kapila Wijegunawardena, the at mid-off, but Tillekeratne was unbeaten.

Javed Miandad, Pakistan's The second match of the leading run-scorer in Tests, series is in Karachi on

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Total (6 witts, 40 overs). K I G Wijegunswardens, G P Wiol singhe and H C P Ramanayske o FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-27, 3-59, 4-79, 5-118, 8-138. 5-118, 6-136.
BOWLING: Weesen Akrem 8-0-33-0; Weesen Yourse 6-2-13-2; Anjb Jeved 8-1-38-1; Innen Khan 8-0-35-1; Almim Raza 8-0-45-1; Innen Pass 6-45-1; Innen Raza 6-

Rugby league finalists go after prize at all costs

By Ken Lawrence

IF THERE is one thing you can be certain about in this very uncertain world, it is that 26 footballers playing on Wigan's Central Park this afternoon will as the saying goes, "be giving their all". For, rugby league has long held the view that nothing concentrates the mind more than money and even in its cup finals - no. particularly in its cup finals continues to conduct affairs on that hard-nosed fi-

nancial basis. As Leeds and Widnes contest today's Regal Trophy (which you can see on Grandstand on BBC1 at 3pm), they will be all too aware that the winners will be pick up at least ten times more than the losers. Is anything guaranteed to concentrate the mind and ensure that all strive until the final blast on the hooter Tobacco for the Regal Tro-

SPORT ON TELEVISION THE WEEK

are on perhaps £150 to come second and £2,500 to be a winner?

sumed by a lust for money and television exposure (which are not entirely unrelated, of course) rugby league is doing very nicely. thank you. Apart from the considerable sums clubs make from sponsorship, ground advertising and executive membership, the League takes in £325,000 from Silk Cut. the sponsor of the Challenge Cup. £300.000 from Imperial

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: Big-spending Leeds seek to end a five-year Lancashire monopoly in rugby league cup competitions when they play Widnes in the Regal Trophy final (Grandstand from 12.15pm). ITV shows the Mercantile Credit snooker final live (3 and 11.25pm). The one-day crucket international at Auckland. cracket international at Auckland between England and New Zea-land can be seen in Grandsland. The documentary on Sugar Ray Robinson (Sky Sports 2pm today and 5pm tomorrow) should not be missed. Two hours of live golf from the Tournament of Champions is on Screensport (9.30-11 30pm and half an hour her on tomorrow's final day).



Palmer: remembered

IN VIEW

more than to know that you in a sporting world con-

TOMORROW: Leeds football players take centre stage against Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough (TTV, 3 20pm) Today's gern from The Great Sporting Moments (BBC2, 4 20pm) features Amold Palmer and Peter Thomson in the 1967 World Match Play final Channel 4 (8pm-12 30am) screens the National Football League conterence finals to establish who goes to the Super Bowl in two weeks. More rugby league comes from Hull (Shy Sports 6pm) where Warrington are visitors.

visitors.
MONDAY: Screensport is showing every match of the African
Nations Cup until the linal on
January 26. Egypt-Zambia is live
at 6 30pm. Sky Sports has the
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tirst four of 56 hours' five coverage of the Australian Open tenns championships, beginning at 8 30am TUESDAY: Sky Sports shows the Tottenham-Aston Villa FA Cup replay (7 30pm). WEDNESDAY: The Leeds-Manchester United FA Cup tie is live on 8BCT (7pm). Sky Sports has nightights (10pm) THURSDAY. Those entertaining Cameroon (outballers are on Sky Sports (6 30pm) FRIDAY: Both ITV (3 55pm) and BBC2, as part of Sport on Fnday

FRIDAY: Both ITV (3 55pm) and BBC2, as part of Sport on Friday (2 15), carry the draw for the European football championship finals hive from Gothenburg Muhammad Ali concludes the splendid Sky Sports boxing series, Lagends (10pm)

phy, £275,000 from Stones Bitter for the champion-ship and £175,000 from British Coal, which spon-sors international matches. Oh, yes. There is also £1.5 from BBC and Sky Sports. Does rugby league not wor-ry about treading in football's footsteps towards Mammon and madness?

Good heavens, no," David Howes, the League's public affairs executive, said. "We are still a long long way off football. Martin Offiah, who signed for Wigan for ner and the hottest property in rugby league.
There are only three oth-

er players who could command such fees. Ellery Hanley, who is coming towards the end of his career, Garry Schofield, and Jonathan Davies.
"When a club like Wigan

buys someone like Offiah they work out the budget very carefully. They assess just how the money will come back — how much extra they can expect from increased gates, from additional sponsorship and from executive boxes." The final this afternoon is a perfect example of sport con-triving a competition for money and for television. "It is like football's League Cup - rather than put a sponsor's name on an existing trophy, we invented one for a sponsor and for TV." Howes said. "But we do not take this final to Wembley. We looked at the idea but decided we had to protect

our prestigious Challenge The Regal Trophy has produced revenue but. more, it has given exposure to the game on television when there was none and at a time when it hit a new

high note. "It has helped put the game into perspective," Howes said. "It has also put us back into the nat-ional spotlight. I believe that modern-day rugby league is the best entertainment we have ever served

Kildimo ends four-year drought

THAT extraordinary character Kildimo stole the limelight at Ascot yesterday when gaining his first victory for almost four years in the First National Chase.

Despite making a horrible blunder at the last, which nearly unseated Richard Guest, Lady Harris's 12-yearold stormed home by seven lengths from Solidasarock to record his first victory since beating Desert Orchid at level weights in the 1988 Jim Ford Challenge Cup at Wincanton.

Sword Beach, the favourite. finished third, with both Seagram and Steeple View having been withdrawn because of the firm going.

"You always call him ungenuine," said Harvey Smith, husband of the winning trainer, Sue, who completed a long-range double by winning at Wetherby with Pacific Sound. "But he's always been as game as they come. I ride him all the time. He does everything from rounding up the sheep, and he does it all in front like he did today."

Kildimo was trained by Toby Balding and George Moore before being sent to Bingley. "We've had him here in the off-season for the past three years or so," Smith went We now don't know. whether to run him in the Grand National or the Gold

Guest, having only his sec-ond ride on Kildimo after a live-year absence, said: "On that occasion he ran away with me. Next time out, he won with Graham Bradley, and Peter O'Sullevan said: 'Kildimo, with a more experienced jockey on his back...' I waited five years to get my

Earlier Deep Sensation had put himself firmly on target for the Arkle Challenge Trophy at the National Hunt Festival when proving far too good for Young Pokey, the 6on favourite, in the PML Lightning Novices' Chase.
"He's aiways been a good

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9 000. TRUE MOOD 15 J Bethell 89 M Hills 2

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2.20 BLUEBELL CLAIMING STAKES

1.20 COWSLIP MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-O: £2,186: 1m 2f) (9 runners)

1.50 DAFFODIL HANDICAP

(£2,646; 1m) (10)

Ascot

horse, but his chasing career ·mined not to be outjumped out in the country, he then has been a chapter of accidents," said Josh Gifford bided his time as Young Pokey jumped the quicker at the about the now seven-year-old. who fell at Wincanton before winning at Devon and Exeter, and was then brought down at Kempton. "If all goes well, he'll have one more race

Oliver Sherwood, trainer of the runner-up, said: "I don't know why we were odds-on, as Deep Sensation was much the better hurdler."

before Cheltenham."

Decian 'Murphy excelled himself on the winner. Deter-

fourth and third fences from home before making his challenge in the straight. Toby Balding took the training honours, landing a double with Sirrah Jay and One More Dream. Sirrah Jay, ridden by Adrian Maguire, beat Acre Hill

Deep Sensation, the eventual winner, and Young Pokey, left, touch down virtually together at Ascot yesterday

by 20 lengths in the Bucktail Conditional Jockeys' Handi-

cap Chase and will now be prepared for the Mildmay of Flete Challenge Cup at Cheltenham, a race the trainer has already won twice. Baiding proceeded to show us a novice of exceptional

promise when Jimmy Frost brought One More Dream with a well-timed run to beat Fair Crossing by a convincing two-and-a-half lengths in the EBF National Hunt Novices

"He's got Cheltenham potential all right," said the trainer. "It's just a question of whether we'll get enough ex-

Balding is looking forward to running Forest Sun in The Ladbroke at Leopardstown today. "He's better handicapped in Ireland than over here. So if he's going to be a Champion Hurdle horse, he's

got to go well." Paul Holley was concussed when the favourite. Hawthorn Blaze, fell at the third hurdle from home. The jockey will not be allowed to ride for seven days and Tony Procter takes over on stable companion Riverhead in The

Ground turning in Balasani's favour

FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

A MIDWEEK prediction of soft ground for The Ladbroke at Leopardstown today tempted one Irish punter to strike a bet of £14,000 to £2,000 about Clippie Lad.

However, with dry weather forecast and the course's superb drainage system meaning that the course dries out faster than any other in the country, the gorund looks likely to favour Martin Pipe's Balasani rather than Clippie Lad, who is easily the best handicapped runner in the

Balasani has been well placed to win four of his last five starts and he quickened well to beat Native Mission in the William Hill Handicap Hurdle at Sandown. On 2lb worse terms, Balasani should

confirm those placings. Riverhead. seventh at Sandown, meets the winner on 14lb better terms for a beating of less than eight lengths. This is the second attempt of Riverhead to win this race, David Elsworth's hurdler having finished third behind The Illiad last year. It would not seem like The

Ladbroke if The Illiad was not involved and this will be his fifth run in the race. He finally came good 12 months ago and netted a fortune in the process for his owners, the Furiongs. In the interim they fell out with their trainer, Andy Geraghty, and Noel Furlong succeeded in getting a trainer's licence. There has reportedly been some good backing in the last few days for The Illiad to complete the double but he cannot be fan-

cied at the age of 11. Clippie Lad was having his first run of the season when beaten a short head by Galevilla Express in the Bookmakers' Hurdle over this course and distance and now meets the winner on 221b better terms. His record shows, however, that he has never won a race on the Flat

or over hurdles on anything other than heavy ground. Jim Bolger has left in Condor Pan to keep down the weight on Chirkpar, who was second to Oh So Risky in last year's Triumph Hurdle, while Mick O'Toole, who has won the race four times aiready. expects his unpenalised Limerick winner Simenon to go

Those at Cheltenham 22 months ago will still recall the smoothness with which Forest Sun beat Danny Harrold in the Waterford Crystal Supreme Novices' Hurdle. He undoubtedly represents a touch of class but may still fail to give 211b to Balasani.

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9 210-F11 CHAMPAGNE LAD 56 (D.F.G.S) (P Jenned) J Gifford (GB) 6-10-8 D Murphy
10 522210 RARE ORDER 14 (D.G.S.) (F Correy) A Moore 6-10-6 D Murphy
11 /14831 SIMBENON 18 (D.G.S.) (P Donohoe) M O'Toole 6-10-8 D J Hairshan
12 13121-1 BALASAN 42 (D.F.G.) (P Donohoe) M O'Toole 6-10-5 P J Bairshan
13 11223-2 NATIVE NASSION 42 (D.G.) (A F Budge), James P Fitzgessid (GB) 5-10-3 D Byrna
14 22-6181 NOW'S THE BOSS 13 (D.S.) (E Farred) J Breasa 6-10-2 J Tilley
15 1-2253 SHANKORAK 14 (D.F.G.S) (E O'Ashony) F Berry 5-10-1 C O'Dwyor
15 24-0051 CAPE SPY 21 (D.G.S.) (C Honley) J Fowler 6-10-0 A Pownet
17 41-2 CLIPPEL AD /3 (CD.S) (J Stoward), Brownes 5-10-0 T Carmody
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COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: J Gosden, 5 winners from 18 runners, 27 8%; G Wrago, 3 from 12, 25 0%, W O'Gorman, 15 from 61, 24 6%, T Barron, 6 from 27, 22,2%; D Elsworth, 5 from 27, 18 5%, J Bethet, 8 from 55, 14 5% JOCKEYS: Emma O'Gorman, 12 wenners from 52 rides, 23 19, M Halls, 11 from 63, 17.5%, N Day, 9 from 56, 16,1%, J Widsarra, 32 from 208, 15.4%, B Dayle, 7 from 4d, 15.2%, D Biggs, 10 from 73, 13.7%

12 0/6- SUNWIND 6/ R Hodges 6-7-12 C Heatastey (3) 10 14 /00/ STOCKAIR 37/ R Hodges 6-7-9 5 Drowne 8 9-2 Furiella, 5-1 Shedad, 6-1 in A Whirl, 6-1 Rushsnes, 9-1 3ay You Wal, 10-1 Joval Kate, Sally's Son, 12-1 others Red Rum improving

RED Rum is continuing to please his vets with steady progress in his battle against colic and a blocked artery. Beryl McCain, wife of trainer Ginger, said yesterday: "We don't want to be too confident but in the last two days he has shown noticeable improvement. He is no longer uncomfortable, his appetite has improved and he is much brighter."

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Wellington Tota, \$2,60; £1,70, £2,00 DF £5,70 CSF £7,78 Placapot: £91.80.

Going: good to term

1 00 (2m 4h hote) 1, MONTEBEL (P Scudamore, 2-1), 2, Peatswood (Lorna Vincent, 5-2), 3, August Twelfith (A Maguite, 6-1), ALSO RAM-11-8 fav Culton Hampden (I), 33 hanov (4th) 5 ram MR
Primative Sanger St, dist, 20i N Twiston-Davies at Cheltenham Tota C3 30; £1 60, £1 50 0F £4 90 CSF, £5.79.

1 5 0 0F £4 90 CSF, £5.79. Wetherby 1.35 (2m ch) 1, SiRRAH JAY (A Maguire, 11.3 (2m), 2, Acre Hill (J Kavanagh, 6-4), 3, Tom Cauton (P Naughton, 100-30), 3 ran. 20. dest 6 Salding at Whitcombe, Tota: £2.10 DF £1.40 CSF £3.32

12.10 OF 11 40 CSF 13.32
2.10 (2m hote); () ONE MORE DREAM (J. F.351, 8-1); 2. Feir Crossing (P. Scurlemore, 9-2); 3. French Charmer (D. Murgon, 10-1); (B-1); ALSO RAN 5-6 tay Hewthom: Bisze (I), 5 Bou Weewi (4m); 33 Kallerney Man (6th); 50 Cavron Juneo (5th); 100 Coveltal 8 ran 4t, 2-h.; 10t, 9, 201 G. Badding at Whitcombo Tote 58.00, \$1.40 21.20; £1.90 DF £15.10 CSF £40.47. 2.40 (27 et) by £15 to CSF £40.47, 2.40 (2m ch) 1. DEEP SENSATION (0 Murphy, 7-4). 2. Young Pokey (J Osborne, 4-6 fav). 3. Icarus (R Fahey 8-1). ALSO RAN. 25 Poetic Gem (4th) 4 min NR Star Season. 1½1, 25i, 8t J Grifford at Fundom. Tote. £2.50 DF £1.80 CSF £3.27

23 27
3 10 (3m ch) 1, KILDIMO (R Guest, 12-1),
2. Solidasarock (P Scudamore, 3-1); 3. Sword Beach (L Wyer 2-1 fav) ALSO RAN 5-2 Tipping Tim (5th), 9 Man O'Magic (4th) 20 Demess Cavally (ur), 100 Black Spur (pp.) 7 ran NR Seagram, Steeple View, 7l, 7l, 5l, 301 Mrs 5 Smith at 18 eggley Tote 210.80, 22-50, 21-50 DF 518 70 Tho 513.80, CSF 543 38 Tricest 518 70 Tho 513.80, CSF 543 38 Tricest 517 69 287 ds 3.40 (3m hdle) 1, SWEET GLOW (P Scuderiora, 74 fav), 2, Secret Four (L Harvey, 72), 3, Prime Display (J Onborne, 5-2) ALSO 5 Humcane Hugo (5th), 20 Babi (4m), 33 Holf Place (6th), 5 ran, NR Tarkovsky 2½1, 8, 151, 2, 8, M Pipe at

Jackpot: Not won (pool of £10,780 carried forward to Accot today).
Placapot: £283.50

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Going: soft

12.45 (2m hole) 1, Perjury (P Neven, 9-2),

2, Gymcrak Gemble (18-1), 31, Mac Rem
Nier (50-1), 31, Tinden (12-1) Derry Reel

9-4 fav 16 ran 2 "11, deed read, D Eddy

Tote £5 90, 52-40, 528 90, 53-60 (Mac

Rambler), 52-10 (Tindan) DF - 5807 70

CSF \$76-31, No bot

1.15 (3m 100ys sh) 1 Senator Snugfit (R

Durvesody, 6-4 fav), 2 Bullet Train (10-1);
3, 0e Profunds (52-1), 8 ran 12, 304 MW

Easterby Tote £2-30, £1 10, £2-20, £2-50

DF £11 10 CSF £15-22

1.45 (2m 4f note) 1, Coulton (G McCourt, DF £1110 Cap £15.22

1.45 (2m 41 ndie) 1, Coulton (G McCourt, 5-2 lav, Thunderer's rap) 2, Barton Bank (7.2), 3, Amblesorde Harvest (7.2), 15 ran MR Ercettres Swan Ns. 8t. M W Easterby Tote £3.50 £1.60, £1.70, £1.60 DF: £5.60 CSF £11.33 After a stawards enduty, result stood

15-b0 CSF E11-31 After a stewards' enquiry, result stood 2.15 (3m 100yd ch) 1 Gambing Royal (R Dunwtody 10-11 lav Mandsm's nap); 2, Zeta's Lad (15-1), 3, Wrekin Hill (5-1), 8 ran 5, 41, D Nicholson Toter 22-10; E1 70, E

11cdst 1:14 52. 2.45 (2m holle) 1, Kanndabli (G McCourt, 9-1), 2, Macho Man (4-1), 3, Full Monty (9-1) Tyburn Lad 2 fav 12 ran 81, 3/b1 N Traikler Tybe 24.90 E 80, 21.90, 23.10 DF 29.80 CSF £44.28, Tricast £315.03 DF 19 80 C4 44 (28) (18 13) (18 33) (18 33) (18 14) (18 16) (1 Affair Of Honour (11-4) 11 ran. NF Bollen William, 12i, 8i. N Tinklar Tote: £3 00; £1 40, £5 50, £1.20 DF £29.80 CSF £27.73

Southwell Golng: standard 1225 (7h 1. African Chumes (Emma O'Gorman, 2:11, 2. Weeky 1.2d (13-2), Eurobtable (15-6 fav) 13 ran NF Canzg Lad 4l, 151 W O'Gorman, Tote, 52:10, 52:50, 52:50, 52:10 DF 57:10 CSF, 516:03

E16 03 12.55 (Im 6) 1. Hand Painted (Lydla Pearce, 3-1 lav): 2. Carlinglord (11-1), 3. Kovalevskia (10-1) 13 nan. 21, 24st. C. Beever Tote £4 30; 22.50, 24.20; 22.40 DF: £36.20 CSF: £37.51 Tricant. £266.77. DF. £36.20 CSF: £37.61 Treast £286.77.
1.25 (1m) 1, Silver Samural (£ Husband, 11-1) 2, Mr Snuggs (14-1); 3, Rusnel (15-8) Ouset Mass 4-6 fav. 6 ran. 121, 4 R Hollinshead, Tote. £17.90; £2.90, £2.40 DF £13.40, CSF £108.01 (R Cochrane, 10-1), 2 Mischespip Beat (10-1) 3, Swagman (7-1) Give Me Hope 3-1 fav 9 ran. Nk. 5 M Tempsus Tote. £7.00; £2.70, £1.80. £2.10, DF: £40.60 CSF. £32.84 Trocast. £572.36 1872-36 2.25 (7) 1. Bold Habit (G Hasband, 4-5 fay), 2. Shabanaz (20-1), 3. Pesidanamich (9-2) 13 ran 11-1 sh hd, W Pearce, Tota £1 90, £1 50, £6.70, £1.10, DF £77 90, CSF £17.71

CSF £17.71
2.55 (Im) 1, Doulab's Image (S D Williams, 2-1 fav); 2, Mar; a Princess (13-2), 3, East Barns (9-1); 4, Model Nurse (20-1); 16 ren 1/91, 1/91 J. Glover, Tota £23.00; 22-10, £1-50, £2-40, £4-00 DF £9.70 CSF, £18-71 Thosast £97.98
3.25 (7) 1, Palacegete King (R Cochusne, 11-2), 2, Rendy To Draw (12-1), 3, Buddy (6-4 fav), 10 ran, 1/91, 2/91 J. Berry, Tota: £4.80, £1-80 £1-10, £1-80, DF-£58-00, £57. £67-89 Trucast; £138-45 Placeport £536-30.

REET

Waterloo Boy to complete treble with Ascot triumph

WATERLOO Boy, on the crest of a wave following victories at Sandown and Wetherby, is taken to continue that excellent work at Ascot today by winning the valuable Victor Chandler Handicap Chase in the hands of Richard Dunwoody.

Since the conditions of today's grade two race stipulate that there are no penalties for horses originally handicapped at or above 11st 7lb, Waterloo Boy has not been penalised for his success on the Yorkshire track two days after Christmas.

However, he must still meet Young Snugfit on 3lb worse terms compared with when he beat him by three-quarters of a length in the Tingle Creek Chase at Sandown at the end of November.

In theory the advantage now lies with Young Snugfit. who finished second to Blitzkreig in the corresponding race 12 months ago. In preferring Waterloo Boy. though, I am siding with a horse in form as opposed to one who ran badly last time.

MANDARIN

12.50 Child Of The Mist. 1.25 STATELY LOVER

(nap). 2.00 Waterloo Boy.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

(£11,592: 2m 4f) (8 runners):

(Qualifier: £3,132: 2m 4f) (12 runners)

12.50 PHILIP CORNES NOVICES HURDLE

(QUBUTIET: E3, 132: 2m 47) (12 nunners)

101 3/20-114 CHILD OF THE MIST 14 (D.G.S) (C Hearth) O Sherwood 5-11-4

102 213 OFFICER CADET 21 (G) (S Glazzer) R Curtle 5-11-4

103 1 POSTASE STAMP 21 (D.G.) (J Pearce) J Pearce 5-11-4

104 500-12 YEOMAN CRICKETER 25 (D.B.F.G) (Mrs H Alwan) J Gildord 7-11-4

105 38/8 ALL ELECTRIC 16 (C Bleey) C C Bleey 7-11-0

106 3 ANDROBOTE 57 (Albury Racing Ltd) R Curtle 6-11-0

107 P2281 CUDDY DALE 15 (F.G.S) (G Habbard) F Neitrohy 5-11-0

108 25-5364 LIRIE LAD 16 (B Sreveton) P Rodford 6-11-0

109 55 NULL HOUSE? (M Lowy) F O'Mehony 5-11-0

101 161 RAMPOLD) 256 (GS) (C Lavis) P Nichloin 5-11-0

111 511342 MISTRESS ROSS 12 [F.G.) (Or J Van Tilborg) G Thomas 9-10-13

112 32-3611 SWILLY DOPPEES 8 (S) (P Doherty) S Christian 8-10-13

INSTITUTE - 41 Mail House - 11-2 Child Of The Midd 8-1 Officer Cartle 8-1 Vital Willey

1.25 grosvenor insurance handicap chase

208 F1F30-1 STATELY LOVER 14 (D.G.S.) (Mrs. J. Stehop) D.Gr

2.00 VICTOR CHANDLER HANDICAF CHASE

(Grade II: £30,438: 2m) (6 runners)

2.35 Vasiliev. 3.05 Mossy Fern. 3.40 Elementary.

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albeit over a trip too iar. In an attempt to rekindle the flame of old, Oliver Sherwood has decided not to put blinkers on Young Snugfit again this

The presence of Uncle Ernie gives the race additional interest. If he is to have a chance of beating Waterloo Boy at level weights in the Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham in March, he must surely make an impact now in receipt of 18lb. However, he has not raced since April and that lack of match practice could easily count against him at this level.

In contrast, Sure Metal and Good For A Laugh both boast recent winning form but not, I suggest, form of the same vintage as Waterloo

Boy. Now that the weights for the Grosvenor Insurance Handicap Chase have risen

THUNDERER

12.50 Yeoman Cricketer.
1.25 Ida's Delight.
2.00 Uncle Ernie.
2.35 Vasiliev.
3.05 Man On The Line.
3.40 La Clenaga.

BETTING: 4-1 Mull House, 11-2 Child Of The Mict, 6-1 Officer Codet, 8-1 Vital Witness, Swilly Express, 10-1 Postage Stamp, 12-1 Cuddy Dale, Yeomen Crickster, (6-1 Rempold), Androbota, 20-1 officer.

1891: SECRET FOUR 5-11-4 L' Harvey (10-1) R Akaburet 25 can

FORM FOCUS

CHILD OF THE MIST 19I 4th of 8 to Lift And Load in grade 1 Challow Hurdle at Newbury (2m. 4t. 183yd, pood); serier beat Silver Sarings 30I in 18-namer beyon (2m. 3t, good) novice hurdle with LENET LAD 143ti 4th.

OFFICER, CADET 13 3rd of 18 to Muse in Chepstow (2m. 4t. good to min) hurdless these. MULL HOUSE 143ti 4th.

Chepstow (2m. 4t. good to serit) novice hurdle. Post Angel STAMP beat Hyprobiat 21 in 13-drinner. Chepstow (2m. 4t. good) to good to firm) novice hurdle. ANDRIOSCITE 37 2rd of 14 to Golden Mose (received to the chepstow) and the chepstow (2m. good) to firm) novice hurdle. ANDRIOSCITE 17I 3rd of 6 to Golden Arctic in nov-

BETTING: 5-2 For The Grain, 4-1 los's Delight, 5-1 Pendennis, Stately Lover, 10-1 Kecaldar Reference, Wigsown Bey, 18-1 John O'Dec, 33-1 Vocatatini.

1991; BLAZING WALKER 7-12-0 C Grant (6-4 fev.) W A Stephanson 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

IDA'S DELIGHT rix 2nd of 8 to Ardbrin in Weitherby (2m 4f 100yd, good to sorif) hendicap chase; previously 18 3rd of 8 to King's Fountain in grade is A F Budge Gold Cup at Chettenham (2m 4f, good to firm).

KARAKTER REFERENCE best Kirsty's Boy 11 in 4-runner Chettenham (3m 1f 100yd, good to firm) hendicap chase on penutimiset start. FOR THE GRAIN best Ettest 144 in 5-runner Chettenham (2m, good) hendicap chase with VODKATUN unlessed right and GRAIN best Ettest 144 in 5-runner Chettenham (2m, good) hendicap chase with VODKATUN unlessed right at GRAIN best Ettest 144 in 5-runner Chettenham (2m, good) hendicap chase; previously 11th 2nd of 7 to Thompson (2m, good) hendicap chase with VODKATUN unlessed right at Care Mountain 31th at Followship (2m, good) hendicap chase; previously 11th 2nd of 7 to Thompson (2m, good) hendicap chase. WiGITOWN (2m) Good hendicap chase with VODKATUN unlessed right at GRAIN best Ettest 144 in 5-runner Chettenham (2m, good) hendicap chase. WiGITOWN (2m) Good hendicap chase with VODKATUN unlessed right (2m) good hendicap chase. WiGITOWN (2m) Good hendicap chase with VODKATUN unlessed right (2m) good hendicap chase. WiGITOWN (2m) Good hendicap chase (2m) good hendicap chase (2m) good hendicap chase. WiGITOWN (2m) Good hendicap chase (2m) good hendicap c

Long handicap: Good For A Laugh 9-12, Cashew King 9-0. BETTING: 11-8 Waterloo Boy, 4-1 Young Snugfit, 9-2 Uncla Emile, 11-2 Good For A Laugh, 7-1 Sure Metal, 16-

1891: BLITZKREIG 8-10-4 T Carmody (11-4) E O'Grady (Inc) 5 ran

the Gardie Grissell-trained Stately Lover has crept into the handicap proper with a

ago. Stately Lover made an excellent start to the season when accounting for Clara Mountain, Good Tonic, Spacial and Shannagary, who in their previous race.



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overnight to the tune of 14lb.
£1 stake now shows a profit of nearly £26, her 59 winners from 173 runners representing a strike rate of 34 per

> At Newcastle, Friskney Dale Lad (12.45). Carbindale (2.15), Just Frankie (3.15) and Bonanza (3.45) could well be four more winners for the Saltburn trainer who has already pulled off the four-card trick twice this season.

Carbisdale, who has won with his head in his chest the three times that he has raced over fences for Mrs Reveley, is a confident selection to keep that record intact by winning the grade two Dipper Nov-ices Chase. At Warwick, I like the look

of Romany King's chances of winning the Edward Courage Cup for the second year in succession having accounted for Toby Tobias at Newton Abbot last time. Finally, Driver looks a de-

cent bet to win the Sleaford Handicap Hurdle at Market Rasen after that sound run behind Prime Display at

Dwyer's plans still fluid MANDARIN

THE stable confidence behind Uncle Ernie in today's Victor Chandler Handicap Chase is reflected in the fact that Mark Dwyer intends to ride at Ascot in preference to partnering the strongly-fancied Native Mission at Leo-GOING GOOD TO SOFT

writes). However, the situation is complicated not only by the prevailing good to firm ground on the royal track but by the forecast of severe overnight frost.

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Explaining the state of play. Jane Fitzgerald, the trainer's wife, said yesterday: "If Uncle Ernie runs, Derek Byrne will ride Native Mis-sion in Ireland Jimmy is going to walk the course at Ascot and if the ground is too firm the horse will be withdrawn. In that case whether Mark will fly to Ireland will depend on the timing. Of course, if racing is abandoned early, he will be able to get to Ireland in time."

Nicholas Beaumont, the lark of the course with "It

clerk of the course, said: "It will be most unlikely for one night's frost to put paid to racing. But, of course, it all depends on the air temperatures later in the morning."

WARWICK

1.10 The Papparazi, 1.40 River Chase, 2.10 Esha Ness 2.40 Bolanev Boy, 3.10 Romany King, 3.40 Re-Release, 4.10 Celtic Carch.

THUNDERER 1/10 Final Sound 1.40 Come Home Alone, 2/10 Esha Ness, 3/40 TREE POPPY (nap), 3.10 Romany King, 2/40 Fast Cruise, 4.10 Dr Rocket. Richard Evans: 3.10 ROMANY KING (nap).

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1.10 SHERBOURNE CONDITIONAL

JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE

1 41-6 THE PAPPARAZI ST (D.G.S) E CUM, 12-12-6 1 41-5 THE PAPPARAZI ST (E.G.S) E Curey 12-26

J Twomey (7)

2 32-P (NANE OF CLUBS 10 (B.S) P Books, 5-114

P Modgley

2 214 FIVE JAMPS 37 CDUSS N Down 12-11-1

2 214 FIVE JAMPS 37 CDUSS N DEW 12-11-1

3 00 FIND 16 (B.D.G.S) S DEW 10-10-1

5 300 FIND 15 (B.D.F.J.Barre 7-05

9 300 FIND SOURD 15 (B.D.F.J.Barre 7-05

M A Fitsgerald

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9 3521 FOREST FANN 8 (D.C.S) E Whoste 7-133

J Ryan

144 SNOWY BONDLARY (605 (D.F.G.S) T Carry 13-10-1

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1º .GA HOT COMPARY 16 (0.6) F Seven 7:06 . N Later 12 GFS SALLYS DOVE 8 (0.6) R Proc 7:06 . R Betarny 13 S446 PART LIBY 17 GF) F Joseph 6:100 . T Problems (5) 4" Forest Fairt, 5": The Papparazi, G1 Five Lamps, 7-1 Final Source B-1 Lawrence Junior Kine, 10-1 others

1.40 LEASOWES NOVICES HURDLE

44-Y-O E1,185 2m: (18) PO BLASKET HERO 14 (B) R Abellust 10-12 J Relians
PPD BLASKET HERO 14 (B) R Abellust 10-12 Martin Jones
2 PPDD BASTLE REUBEN 10 R Dictor 10-12 Martin Jones
3 COME HOME ALDINE 52 % Section 10-12 C Lipwellyn
50 ANDOCKAYON 80 J Solet 6-13 N Coleman
50 SACCKAYON 80 J Solet 6-13 N Coleman
50 SACCKAYON 80 J SOLET 6-13 N Moleman
50 SACCKAYON 80 J SOLET 6-13 N MICROPY
51 JANES BRAVE 80Y 19 (89) A Home 10-12 P Hose 0,
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51 JANES BRAVE 80Y 19 (89) A Home 10-12 R Boucher
51 JANES SMITH 84 F E Creen ton 10-12 R Scronge
52 SACCKE 61 DW 10 Mar F Wateryn 10-7 B Keigntilly
53 SACCKE 61 DW 10 Mar F Wateryn 10-7 B R Powell
54 SP CANCILL GLOW 10 Mar F Wateryn 10-7 B Powell
55 DA PARISSAN EXPRESS 8 K Currengam-Brown
65 PARISSAN EXPRESS 8 K Currengam-Brown
66 R GLOW 10 Mar F Wateryn 10-7 B Powell
68 RIVER CHASE 80F K Baler, 10-7 G GLEST
Come Home Ariste 41 Usac's Brave Boy, \$1 Landdowne.

3-1 Come Home Alone 4-1 Lidie's Brave Boy, 5-1 Lansdowne Candle Glow 5-1 Blasset Hero, 10-1 Paper Danco, 12-1 others

2.10 WARWICK PREMIER CHASE

6 25- CLENBROOK D'0R 222 A J Wison 811-3 . A Webb 7 -P45 5 C'S DANCER 11 R Doken 7-11-3 Martin Jones 45 Esta 1.ess 52 Fieresh Fudge, 51 Bonsai Bud, 141 omers

2.40 CORAL GOLDEN HANDICAP HURDLE QUALIFIER (£4,295, 2m,5f) (30)

3.10 EDWARD COURAGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£4.503: 2m 4f) (8)

1 3112 AUNTIE DOT 18 (CD.BF.F.G.S) J Webber 11-12-0

2 -111 ROMANY IGNG SE (CD.G.S) G Bishing 8-11-11 R Guest,
3 4-54 PUKKA MAJOR 16 (D.F.G.S) T Thomson Jones 11-10-13
R Boucher
4 -331 HALF BROTHER 17 (D.G.S) While J Parmen 10-10-13
N Pirman
5 13-3 RAMSLING SONG \$1 (D.G.S) T Forser 12-10-12 H Davies
FOR3 BUCKENSE BOY 14 (B.D.G.S) J Parment 10-10-10
I Raimon

FOP3 BUCKSHEE BOY 14 (B,D,G,S) 2 Page 10-3-10-3

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7 -2SU KING OF THE LOT 14 (D,BF,G,S) D Nicholson 9-10-9
8 PP/ POSITIVE 700 (B,C,G,B) is Belley 10-10-9. — A Tory 5-4 Pomeny King, 7-2 Half Brother, 4-1 Auste Dot, 7-1 Rambling Song, 10-1 Bucksnee Bov, 16-1 King Of The Lot, 20-1 others

3.40 TATTERSALLS MARES ONLY NOVICES CHASE QUALIFIER (£2,916: 2m 4f) (13)

CES CHASE QUALIFIER (\$2.916: 2m 4f) (13)

1 633F FAST CRUISE 15 (6,5) E Owen pan 7:10-10 R Stronge
2 4F2 FRST CRACK 11 (8F-5,5) F Justin 7:10-10 R Stronge
3 5-43 GRANNY PRAY ON 55 (8F-5,5) F Justin 7:10-10 R Guest
4 0-65 GRANNY PRAY ON 55 (8F-5,5) E Biologi (0:10-10 M Richards
5 551- KITCH NOO 286 (8) A J Miscon 8:10-10 M Richards
5 551- KITCH NOO 286 (8) A J Miscon 8:10-10 M Richards
6 473 LSALEEN LADY 56 (GID Nacholson 7:10-10 R Bellamy
7 - 285 MEEDWOOD FOREST 55 Live for Data 9:10-10 M Roughen
8 4-73 OLIVERO DE FOREST 55 Live F Washyn 7:10-10 B Cultum
9 4-32 OLIVERO DE SPARTA 55 Live F Washyn 7:10-10 B de Haan
10 6-10 RE-RELEASE 16 (8F-5,5) M Pop 7:10-10 M Registry
11 PROD RIOPRANS WELL 9 W Coly 7:10-10 Justin 31 PROD RIOPRANS WELL 9 W COLY 7:10-10 Justin 31 PROD RIOPRANS WELL 9 W COLY 7:10-10 Justin 31 PROD RIOPRANS WELL 9 W COLY 7:10-10 Justin 31 PROD RIOPRANS WELL 9 W COLY 7:10

4.10 HAMPTON HILL NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1.613: 2m) (16)

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: J Gifford, 10 wanners from 32 tunners, 31 3%, M Pipe, 39 from 107, 27 1%, N Gasetiee, 8 from 30, 26 7%, R Alachvas, 11 from 21 25 6%, K Bailey, 7 from 28, 25 0%, J J O Neill, 3 from 13, 23 1% JOCKEYS: M Primen, 9 winners from 30 rides, 30 0%; N Marn, 5 from 22, 27 3%, G Upton, 5 from 29, 17 5%; R Guest, 4 from 27, 14 8%, D Gallagher, 5 from 34, 14.7%, M Bowlby, 3 from 25, 12 0%.

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MARKET RASEN

1.00 Foxy Boy. 1.30 Tebimo. 2.00 Kissane. 2.30 Driver. 3.00 Monumental Lad. 3.30 Maggies Lad. 4.00 Vital Witness. THUNDERER

1.00 Centenary Star. 1.30 What If. 2.00 River House. 2.30 Isabeau. 3.00 Monumental Lad. 3.30 Qualitair Sound. 4.00 Candy Tuff.

Richard Evans: 2.30 Isabeau. 4.00 Candy Tuff.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

1.00 SPALDING NOVICES CHASE

(Amateurs: £2,272: 3m) (18 runners)

5 2303 CENTENARY START TO 100 THE SECTION 54 F Becurrent 7-11-10 Mrs A Ferrel (3) Mrs A Fer

9 85-5 GREYSBY 16 (G.S) O Brannan 10-11-10 S R Andraws (G.S) Month 10-11-10 S R Andraws (G.S) Month 10-11-10 S R Andraws (G.S) Month 10-11-10 S R Andraws (G.S)

3-1 Centenery Star, 7-2 General Hermony, 6-1 Whasi Fellie, 8-1 into The Glen, Foxy Boy, 10-1 others

1.30 BOSTON CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,870, 2m 1f) (19)

2.00 STAMFORD HANDICAP CHASE

; 3121 KISSANE 7 (C.D.G.S) C Broad 11-11-13. 2 3122 RIVER HOUSE 7 (BF,F,G) W A Suphemo 5 3-41 CREEAGER 7 (C.G.S) J Wharlow 10-11-1 S J O'Neill 6 -454 EBONY SWELL 7 (C.D.G.S) S Compton 11-11-1 7 DO-5 INVASION 16 (CD.F.G.S) O Brennan B 10-11 ... 8 4063 IAOE GREENE 16 (CD.F.G.S) J McConroche 12-10-1 © 060U HINDERENDS 16 P Folgate 8-10-0 10 -PP6 MUTARIO 16 (F) F Morgan 7-10-0 ...

94 Krssane, 7-2 River Bounty, 9-2 Creeager, 6-1 River House, 8-1 Blakes Son, 10-1 Moe Greene, 14-1 Ebony Swell, 20-1 others

Southwell (AW)
TUESDAY: Folkestone, Sedgeheld, Lingfield Park (AW) WEDNESDAY: Windsor, Ludlow, THURSDAY: Taunton Lingheld FRIDAY: Kempton Park, Catterick Broge Towcester, Southwell (AW).

(Fiat meetings in bold)

been riding out for Phil Serpe at Gulfstream Park, Florida, this winter, returns to action at Lingfield today when he partners Rushanes for Terry Casey in the Poppy Apprentice Handicap.

1 1429 VOLCANIC DANCER 59 (D.F.S) J Macine 6-11-10 S.J.O'Nell 2 F1F- COUTURE STOCKINGS 386 (F.G) J Macke 6-11-7 C Harwing

2.30 SLEAFORD HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,150: 3m) (15)

2 FIF- COULDING STARTVEST 24 (F.G.S) M H Easterby 8-11-6 R Garmty 4 14-5 ROSTREAMER 10 (B.G.S) G Bravery 9-11-3. 5 PUS- MANDALAY PRINCE 229F T Kersey 8-11-2 san Kersey

6 1953 HARD TO HOLD 10 (F.G.S) C Beever 9-11-1
Mr A Hambly
7 3463 DRIVER 18 (F.S) M Brown 6-11-0..... A Finencian (7)
8 1434 SHILBISKI 2 (B.S) G Moore 5-11-0..... J Cataghan
9 13F2 ISABEAU 9 (C.B.F.G.) K Morgan 5-10-12... A S Smith
10 40-3 TROPICAL ACE 47 R Voorspuy 5-10-9 R Supple
11 /P-0 ROYAL CHARGE 10 (CD.F.G.S) D Westcome 11-10-7
A Carroll 6 1053 HARD TO HOLD 10 (F.G.S) C Beever 9-11-1

13 July 14 2230 FINGERS CROSSED 36 (C.D.F.S) O Brenner 8-10-3
14 2230 FINGERS CROSSED 36 (C.D.F.S) O Brenner 8-10-3
15 23/ LIFE'S A LARK 799 (G) J Herne 7-10-0 J A Harris
7-2 Driver, 9-2 Isabesu, 5-1 Tropical Ace, 6-1 Volcanic Dencer

3.00 GRANTHAM HANDICAP CHASE

1 2322 TRESIDDER 10 (C,G,S) M W Easterby 10-12-0 R Garrity 2 2123 MONUMENTAL LAD 16 (G.S) Mrs H Parrott 9-11-12 3 2202 PURA MONEY 16 (F,G,S) G Renards 10-11-11
N Doughty
4 214U STAY AWAKE 14 (D,F,G,S) J J O'Neil 6-11-9
F Murtagn (5)
5 3-22 VULRORY'S CLOWN 16 (C,F,G,S) O Brennan 14-11-6
Helsin Brennan

6 12-1 LIGHTWATER AGAIN 43 (G,S) M Hammond 10-10-7

7 5U1B THE GREEN STUFF 2 (G) J Upeon 7 10-2. R Supple

3.30 GRIMSBY NOVICES HURDLE

4.00 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1.733: 2m 6f) (19)

4 6541 CANDY TUFF 9 (D.S) Mrs G Reveley 5-11-3
Mrs Buckley (7)
5 F-54 CLYDE RANGER 49 M Harmond 5-10-10
6 2/6 TH36 NETTLE DANGER 7 D Benram 8-10-9 5 J C'Nell
7 000 SILVER STICK 16 (B) M W Easterly 5-10-7... R Garmay
8 2-20 LETTERFORE 14 J Upons 5-10-6 ... R Supplis
9 554 JOCKS BURNS 2/6 Richards 6-10-5 ... M Modenity (3)
10 PP65 BENGAL WAY 15 C Inetter 7-10-5 ... S Earle
11 PP65 NOTHINGBUITTROUBLE 9 Mrs H Pared 8-10-4 ... D Tegg
12 40-0 KING OF STEEL 15 N Bycoth 6-10-4 ... F Mursch (3)
13 04-0 HUNMANRY 6/4P 9 P Beamont 7-10-3 ... P A Farrel
14 059 HOM DE FORT 612 R Space 7-10-0 ... Dalle McKeown
15 000 WISSEOW 14 C Wesden 7-10-0 A Carrol
16 P-80 LORIDY 51 J McCannoche 7-10-0 A Carrol
17 241-2 SIBERBAN BREEZE 22 (7) J Glover 4-10-0 Mr M Ranger
19 000 BUSH 19/10-0 C Smith 4-10-0 Mr M Ranger
19 Candy Tuff 7-2 Nosalatory 4-1 Vital Wirness

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs G Reveley, 15 winners from 47 runners 31 9% G Richards, 14 from 47, 29 8% J Wharton, 11 from 39, 28 2%, M W Easterby, 17 from 66, 25 8% J Glover, 7 from 32, 21 9% M Tompkins, 3 from 14, 21 4%

Racing next week

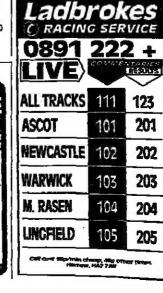
MONDAY, Fontwell Park Carlisle

SATURDAY: Kempton Park, Haydock Park, Warwick, Catterick Bridge, Lingheld Park (AW)

Richard Perham, who has

Blinkered first time LINGFIELD PARK: 1.50 Tanegrue, 2.20 Mykindolmusic, 3.20 Krisfield

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THUNDERER MANDARIN 12.45 Friskney Dale Lad. 12.45 Friskney Dale Lad. 1.15 Samfen. 1.45 Mazmoor 1.15 Stay On Tracks. 1.45 Mazmoor. 2 15 Carbisdale 2.15 Carbisdale 2.45 Macarthur. 3.15 Just Frankic. 3.45 Silk Degrees. 2.45 MacArthur. 3.15 Just Frankie. 3.45 Bonanza. SIS GOING: GOOD TO FIRM 12.45 TEAL NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,716: 2m 4f) (10 runners) 05/2-01U FRISKNEY DALE LAD 15 (BF.F) (R Taloy) Mrs G Revoley 7-11-10. BETTING: 3-1 Friskney Dale Lad, 4-1 Cavaller Crossett, 9-2 Lambson, 11-2 Killula Keg, 6-1 Homblower, 12-1 Troodos, 14-1 Sage Brush, 20-1 ethers 1991; LIGHT DANCER 5-10-6 S Turner (6-1) L Codd 12 ran 1.15 PINTAIL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,684: 3m 8f) (3 runners) Long handicap: Samien 9-13, Jack Of Clube 8-8. BETTING: 8-11 Stay On Tracks, 11-8 Semien, 6-1 Jack Of Clubs. 1991: JELUPE 9-11-10 Mr R Sandys-Clarke (16-1) R Sandys-Clarke 6 ran 1.45 SHOVELER NOVICES HURDLE (£1,758: 2m) (9 runners) 211 MAZMOOR 23 (G) (D) (Mrs A Eubenk) A Eubenk 6-11-6. PP-6000 NATIONAL VELVET 3 (T Jeffrey) T Jeffrey 9-11-6. O/ ORMOND HALL 1185 (R Johnson) R Johnson 6-11-5. G2/5-6 SEON 10 (F) (C Hunter Ltd) W Sentiey 6-11-5. FUSO SILVER HAZE 21 (P Piec) W A Stephenson 6-11-5. - UNDER OATH 259 (R Parket) R Lamb 5-11-6. - UNDER OATH 259 (R Parket) R Lamb 5-11-5. WASHAKIC 66 (Mr.; E Walton) F Walton 7-11-5. WINTER OATS 47 (F Ingham) B Wildmann 5-11-5. O/ WRKSLEY FIELD 932 (L Browne) J Johnson 6-11-5. Mr S Bell (7) -... C Grant A Lemach (7) ... Mr A Rob D Benday (7) 9 0/ WHIGLET FIELD 652 (C. CHANG) Seon, 10-1 Under Oath, Whighey Field, 18-1 Ormand Hell, 3ETTING: 11-10 Mazmoor, 4-1 Säver Haze, 6-1 Seon, 10-1 Under Oath, Whighey Field, 18-1 Ormand Hell, 32-1 National Velvel, 25-1 Washekie, 33-1 Winter Oats. 20-1 National Velvel, 25-1 Washekie, 33-1 Winter Oats. 1991: REVE DE VALSE 4-10-10 G Moore (1-3 fav) Deriya Smith 17 nm



fine chance. He is my nap. At Folkestone a fortnight

had all shown excellent form. Backing horses trained by Mary Reveley this season to a



Lover at Ascot (1.25)

FORM FOCUS

WATERLOO BOY best Lest 'O' The Bunch it in 4 under grade I Castleford Chains at Wetherby (2m, good to soft) with CASHEW KING (20b better off) 30 3rd; previously best YOUNG SANUGFT (3b better off) 36 in 6-runner grade I Tingle Creek Chain at Sandown (2m, good) with CASHEW KING (same latinus) (2m, good) handlage chains (2m 10 yielding) landlage chains (2m

2.35 DURHAM RANGER NOVICES HURDLE (£2,573: 2m) (9 runners)

BETTING: 8-11 Vasiliev, 8-1 Ambross, 13-2 Galaxy High, 10-1 Poyni Standard, 14-1 Rosgall, 16-1 Retail Rummar, 25-1 others.

1991; NEW DUDS 7-12-0 J Lower (9-4) M Pipe 18 ran FORM FOCUS

AMBROSE 6'kit Sin of 13 to Travado in Kampton (2m, good to firm) novice hurdle, GALAXY HIGH 'kil good) novice hurdle, GALAXY HIGH 'kil good) novice hurdle, ROYAL STANDARD 1'vi 2nd of 11 to Serge Boy in Newbury (2m 100yd, good) novice hurdle, ROYAL STANDARD 1'vi 2nd of 2nd to Knight's Spur in Welverhampton (2m, good) novice hurdle, KASILEV 11 2nd of 21 to highly-regarded bushern in Newbury (2m 100yd, good) novice hurdle. Selection: VASILEV

3.05 PETER ROSS NOVICES CHASE (£7,115: 3m) (6 runners)

BETTING: 2-1 Mosay Fern, 3-1 Men On The Line, 7-2 Sir Noddy, 5-1 Mentelino, 12-1 Strong Approach, 14-1 Saint Supreme: 1991; LOCAL WHISPER 7-11-4 B Powell (9-1) D Eleworth 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

MAN ON THE LINE pulled up before 3 out behind

Mutare at Kempton (2m, good); previously 21 2nd of
14 to Norman Conqueror at Kempton (2m 41).

MONTALINO 2nd and bestern when ride last behind
Foodbroker Flyer at Folkestone (2m 41, good); extier

Si 3rd of 4 to Deadly Cherm at Cheltenhem (2m,
good), SANNT SUPPEME 11st 2nd of 4 to Fer Senior
at Cheltenhem (3m 11, good to firm) on penutitimate

start. SIR NODDY clear when unseated rider 4 out
in novice chase won by Marceline at Leicenter (3m,
good); previously best Singleade 2 at Leicenter (2m,
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Selection: MAN ON THE LINE

3.40 TEAL AND GREEN HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,308: 2m) (8 runners)

Long handlosp: Lusty Led 9-10, Viking Flagship 9-8, Barge Boy 9-0, Easy Buck 8-13. Cheerful Times 8-12. BETTING: 7-2 Rodeo Star, 5-1 Lusty Lad, 11-2 Elementery, 5-1 La Clenaga, 8-1 Barge Boy, Viking Flagship. Easy Buck, 10-1 Cheerful Times.

1991: OLVESTON 7-10-5 R Greene (13-2) D Barons 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

ELEMENTARY 28 7th of 9 to Prime Display at Kempton (3m, good). LA CIENAGA 1½1 2nd of 5 to Maxishm at Cheftenthem (2m, good). National at Cheftenthem (2m, good). The best Monday (2nd 11 at Kempton (2m, good) with VIKING FLAGSHIP (2nd better off) at 11 to King (2md, good) with VIKING FLAGSHIP (2nd better off) at 11 to King (2md, good) with VIKING FLAGSHIP (2nd better off) at 12 7th EASY BUCK 18 2nd of 11 to King (2md) at 12 1 to King (2md) at 1

COURSE SPECIALISTS JOCKEYS Riches Per cent TRAINERS

2.15 DIPPER NOVICES CHASE (£7,396: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

BETTING: 11-10 Carbiectale, 5-2 Gale Again, 7-2 Meny Master, 10-1 On The Hopch, 16-1 Leigh Boy 20-1 Power Punch, 33-1 Lamencha Led.

1991: MERITMOORE 8-11-5 J Callaghan (11-6 fav) G Moore 5 ran

2.45 BITTERN HANDICAP CHASE (£2,611: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

BETTING: 2-1 Mincerthur, 3-1 Jesters Prospect, 7-2 Old Applejack, 9-2 Captain Mor, 8-1 Nos Na Gaosthe. 1991: TACTICO 9-11-0 P Niven (4-9 lav) J J O'Neil) 3 ran

3.15 HERON NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£1.795: 2m) (6 runners) 1 231221 JUST FRANKE 11 (D.F.S) (Lady Susan Wasson) Mrs G Reveloy 8-11-16 . P Nivan 6 99 2 414-232 EASY OVER 9 (F.G.S) (Niss V Foster) G Moore 5-11-5 . L Wyer 8 3 R/SS013- GOSPEL ROCK 287 (S) (Lady Zetland) P Calver 8-11-5 . T Reed 4 0-60149 POSITIVE ACTION 11 (D.F) (G Campbell) M Barnes 5-10-12 . C Grant 91 5 P0P44F FIEFDOM 8 (F.G.S) (C Clark) W Stoney 12-10-4 . K Dodan 6 P96886 CROSSETT CRUISADER 11 (B) (E Carne) E Cone 12-10-2 . Mr P McLaughin 77) BETTING: 8-4 Just Frankle, 2-1 Easy Over, 5-1 Poedine Action, 6-1 Gospel Rock, 10-1 Fieldom 33-1 Crosser: Cruiseder

1991: MACARTHUR 6-10-4 R Markey 7-2 (M W Easterby) 6 ren

Winners Runners Percent JOCKEYS

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19.0 15.8

3.45 MALLARD HANDICAP HURDLE (E2,682: 2m 4f) (2 runners) RETTING: 4-6 Bonenza, 5-4 Sah Degrees. 1991: \$AGAMAN 5-10-12 F Muragh (6-1) L Codd 7 ran COURSE SPECIALISTS

C Grant L Wyer T Reed P Niven N Smith

☐ Graham McCourt stole the show

Kanndabil (9-1) and Signor Sassie at Wetherby yesterday, completing a near 91-1 treble with Coulton (5-2). Tinkler.

Rides Per cent

Forget forges into final and learns of a friendly draw

GUY Forget's casual progress into the final of the New South Wales Open in Sydney yesterday was spoilt somewhat by news of the draw for the Australian Open, which begins on Monday.

After outserving a bewildered David Wheaton in the semi-finals, Forget learnt that his first-round opponent in Melbourne would be Henri Leconte, his friend and trusted partner in France's epic Davis Cup victory over the United States last month.

Adding to the irony. Forget had tipped his fellow lefthander to reach the last eight just 24 hours earlier. Over my dead body, he might have added. Late yesterday evening, the pair were on the same side of the net in the third round of the doubles.

We were together when we heard the draw and just laughed." Forget said. "I mean, coming all the way down here to play each other. It'll be a very strange match. We'll both have to hide our emotions because I know how he reacts when he plays. I know he's acting sometimes

and he knows me. Forget is the one with most to lose from the meeting with Leconte because he has carried his rich form of last year into 1992 and, after coming through the tensest match of his life against Pete Sampras in Lyons, must go into the Open tougher and more confident than ever.

He still has to prove he can beat the best when it really matters but Emilio Sanchez. his opponent in the final to-

day, has no doubts. "He is a national hero in France and he will have gained a lot of confidence after winning the Davis Cup," Sánchez, after a workmanlike 6-4, 7-6 win over the erratic yet gifted Italian.

Omar Camporese, said.
If the seedings for the Open work out. Forget's path to the semi-finals will be barred by Michael Stich, who lost his first match of the year in Sydney earlier this week.

But the Wimbledon cham-pion's fragile confidence will be tested by Javier Sánchez, the United States Open quarter-finalist, in the first round and, potentially, by Jonas Svensson in the second.

Jim Courier, the No. 2 seed, and Pete Sampras are in the same half as Stich, though Sampras is reported to be suffering from a shoul-der injury and about to withdraw for the second year in

in the other half of the men's singles, Stefan Edberg is seeded to meet Ivan Lendi - another first-round loser in finals and the defending champion, Boris Becker, in

AUSTRALIAN OPEN SEEDS

1, S Edberg (Swe); 2, J Courier (US); 3, B Becker (Ger); 4, M Stich (Ger); 5, I Lendi (Cz); 6, P Sampras (US); 7, G Forget (Fr), 8, K Novacek (Cz) 9, P Korda (Cz); 10, G Ivanisavic (Croalis); 11, M Gustafsson (Swe); 12, D Rostagno (US); 13, E Sánchez (Sp); 14, M Chang (US); 15, D Wheaton (US); 16, G Prpic (Croatis).

The US Open champion at least has a quiet opening, which is vital after more than two months out of the game. Not so Becker, who could face John McEnroe, back in town for the first time since his default two years ago.

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Jana Novotna will not have been comforted by her draw, either. Yesterday, the defend-ing New South Wales Open champion was beaten 6-3, 7-5 by the young German, Anke Huber, who she is also seeded to meet in the last eight of the Open.

The Czechoslovak will need to show rather more fire than she did here if the result is to be any different. Novotna's mood seemed to match the desultory skies overhead, though, given that she lost five straight games in both sets, she did well to keep the scoreline decent.

Huber, aged 17 and seeded No. 8, has a semi-final against a supremely confident Arantxa Sánchez Vicario while Gabriela Sabatini and Mary Joe Fernandez were due to meet in the other women's semi-final.

In Melbourne, Jeremy Bates and Sarah Loosemore moved to within one match of reaching the main draw of the Australian Open. Bates progressed to the third qualifying stage with a 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 win over Dick Bosse, and then had to play Byron Tal-bot. of South Africa. Loosemore beat Miki Yokobori, of Japan, 6-3, 6-2 in the first qualifying round.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Redskins will tame Lions

IS THERE a place for exciting upstarts at the top of the National Football League? Probably not. The Washington Redskins and the Buffalo Bills are heavily favoured to win their conference championships tomorrow and advance to Super Bowl XXVI.

They have been the form teams throughout the season and only a big upset would bar either of them from the league final in Minneapolis on January 26.

In the National Football Conference (NFC), the Redskins host the Detroit Lions. whom they thrashed 45-0 in the first game of the campaign. Detroit have become the hottest team in the league, with seven successive wins.

The Lions have won their 11 games in domed stadiums but RFK, home of the Redskins, features grass you can mow and weather you cannot

predict. Washington are favoured by 13 points. In the American Football

Conference (AFC), the Bills will entertain the Denver Broncos. Buffalo were runners-up to the New York Giants, 20-19, in the Super Bowl last year. Denver have been defeated

in the four Super Bowls in which they have appeared. most recently two years ago. John Elway, the Denver quarterback, is adept at lastminute fireworks but, in the Super Bowl, Denver are al-ways buried long before the fourth quarter and waste Elway's gift.

The Broncos, No. 1 in defense in the AFC, have yielded more than 20 points only twice. The Bills have scored more than 20 points in 13 of their 17 games but, for all their top-rated firepower. they are not particularly enthralling. Unbeaten at home in 19 games, they are 11point favourites.

The Bills quarterback, Jim Kelly, the prolific runner. Thurman Thomas, and the coach, Marv Levy, are no longer hungry underdogs try-ing to establish themselves — Buffalo are the establishment now. The Bills and the Broncos have not faced each other since last season, when Buffaio won 29-28 at home.

Detroit, one of nine clubs never to have reached the Super Bowl, are unlikely to reach Minneapolis. They have not defeated Washington in 13 games since 1965.

FOXTURES: Conference threats: Tomor-row (won-lost records in brackets; lock-off times GMT): American: Deriver Bronce (13-4) at Burlato (384; (14-3), 17-30. Nes-lonat: Deriver Lorne (17-4) at Washington Recidents (15-2), 21 00. Super Bowl XXVII. AFC champions v NFC champions (Janu-sry 25 at the Halbert H. Humphrey Metrodories, Minneapolis).

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ROWING



Ageing warriors stoke the fires

BY JOHN HENNESSY

TWO venerable competitors with the glow of the Royal and Ancient upon them have infiltrated among the mainly dominate the President's Rye. They are John Behrend, captain of the Royal and Ancient in 1984-5, and Michael Reece, a member of the club's championship committee, who will be 54 today - along with Arthur Scargill, he adds with a certain perverse pride.

Reece, twice a former winner, has been given a new lease of golfing life by a hip replacement operation. He is. however, in the more difficult half of the draw and now has to play David Meacher, son of the shadow social security minister and a probable favourite, in this morning's fifth round.

Reece, a Cambridge man, dispatched two men from the "other place" yesterday, Phil-ip Scarfield, nervously at the 19th, and Nick Burke, more convincingly at the 7th (his 16th). Against Burke, Reece was two up at the turn and virtually won the match when his opponent buried his sec-

Meacher, winner in 1987, followed a similar pattern. He was hunted all the way to the 18th in the morning by Malfrom Nigel Grant in the afternoon. Meacher, his putter under obedient control, was and 5.

four up at the turn and frustrated all attempts by Grant to get back in the match.

Behrend, four years senior to Reece, spared his ageing legs with two wins out in the country. He, too, an Oxford man, disposed of two oppoersity, Cliff Weight, by 5 and 4, and James Palmer, by 6

COMPARED TANKS

THIRD ROUND: A P Goodwar (Keble, Oxford) bt G M MacSween (Emmanus), Cambridge), A and 3, P J Hogg (St Catharine's, C) bt J M Brandow (Pembroke, O), 7 and 5, A Disloy (Brasenose, O) bt I Amilage (Christ Church, O), 2 and 1; D C Taylor (Selvyn, C) bt J R E Kent (Brasenose, O), 2 tst, D I Wison (Magdelene, C) bt P J R Bathurat (Magdelene, C), 1 hote; J N Devre (Beffol, O) bt G O Leach (St Pater's, O), 6 and 4; A G Edmond (Thinty, C) bt N A Theyer (Peterbouse, C), 3 and 1.

J G Chuickelhank (St John's, C) bt J R Sanders (Brasenose, O), 20th; S A Sharpe (Fitzwillenn, C) bt C E Travers (Jesus, C), 2 and 1; R J Bisson (Ghrest Church, O) bt T, J Hanson (St John's, C), 4 and 3, J H Palmer (St John's, C), 5 and 4; P Dawson (Corpus Christi, C) bt J N Littlewood (New College, O); 3 and 2; J G Cark (St Edmund Hall, O) bt J R A Sharmen (Pembroke, C), 6 and 5; M W M R MacPhee (Oriel, O) bt D T Sparrow (Rebise, O), 5 and 4; N Devlan (Wadhem, O) bt C J Dala (Traver) Hall, C), 2 and 1; N M Stephens (Lincoln, O) bt A D Chibrers (St Bener's Hall, C), 2 and 1; A P Streey; (Fitzwillenn, C) bt G C Pentold (Queens; C), 5 and 4; J J N Caplan (Magdelene, C) bt C C Ellison (Homerton, C), 4 and 2, S P R Jerkons (Homerton, C), 4 and 2, S P R Jerkons (Homerton, C), 5 and 4; J

(Worcester, O) bt J A Statton (Trinity, C), 3 and 2: M R Cox (Girton, C) bt M Yeles (8) Cattherine's, O), 19th; A D Swienston (Pembroke, C) bt T E D Hisriter (Oriet, O), 5 and 4; M T Warman (Selvyn, C) bt C V Finley (81 John's, C), 6 and 5; M C Grint (Bravenose, O) bt P R Penticoos (Pembroke, C), 2 and 1: A N Woolnough (Wedham, O) bt W M P Jacolson (Si Pette's, O), 1 nois; C G Newfill (Calux, C) bt D L Rendall (Oriet, O), 4 and 3.
 J Hampel (34 Anne's, O) bt T E Tew (Wolfson, O), 3 and 2; G M Langford (Pembroke, O), 5 and 2; G M Langford (Pembroke, O) bt D M A Steel (Christif's, C), 2 and 1: M J Resoc (3t Catherine's, O), 4 and 3; N J Burite (Latt) Margarett Hall, O) bt R J H Handall (St John's, C), 1 hole; N J Grant (Christ's, C) bt G T Dunosn (Trinity, C), 2 and 1; C D Masscher (Fitzwilliam, C) bt J M Peel (Worcester, O), 1 hole.

POURTH ROUND: Hogg bt Goodwin, 2 and 1, Distey bt Taylor, at the 21st; Wilson bt Davie, 1 hole; Edmond bt Cruidsshank, 6 and 5: Sisson bt Sharps, 2 and 1; Behrend bt Ji H Pahner, 6 and 5: Dawson bt Clark, 8 and 5: MacPine bt Devlin, 6 and 5; Stracey bt Stephens, at the 19th, Caplan bt Jenkins, 3 and 2; Cox bt Swaredon, 3 and 2; Warman bt Grint, 7 and 6, Neville bt Woolnough, 1 hole; Hampel bt Langford, 6 and 5; Reece bt Burke, 3 and 2; Meacher bt Grant, 4 and 3.

Warman, perhaps the best player never to have won the Putter, for all that he is in the stronger, bottom half of the draw. Warman, a stockbroker aged 35, has twice been runner-up and has been in three other semi-finals. He recalls wistfully how a birdie at the 19th in 1982 seemed to have fulfilled his ambition. only for Donald Steel to chip in for an eagle. "That was cruel," he says, with feeling.

There is, apparently, much smart money on Jamie

Warman also had two overwhelming victories, the sec-ond against Michael Grint by 7 and 6, a stark contrast to his experience against Martin Ebert in the second round on Thursday. Two down with four to play, he had won the 15th, 16th and 18th.

His opponent yesterday suffered agonies on the green, four times needing a third putt in the first seven holes. Five up after nine, Warman needed only par figures to win the 2nd and 3rd, his 11th and 12th.

Mark Cox, from the United States, is expected to provide stiffer opposition this

A scrappy round unseats Rafferty

Sanctuary Cove, Australia: Ronan Rafferty lost his overnight lead in the second round of the Sanctuary Cove Classic tournament in Australia yesterday.

The Ulsterman went round in 71 for a two-round aggregate of 138 - but that left him three shots behind Jeff Woodland, of Australia, who finished with a 66, including six birdies. Rafferty described his second round as scrappy.

With rounds of 69 and 66. Woodland leads Railery (67 and 71) and defending champion Rodger Davis, who signalled his intentions with a gritty 67 to reach 139.

"I'm back in the mirra-ment where I like to be." warned Davis, who is playing despite knee and ankle

But Woodland is looking for his first Australian win after a 14-year wait. And after playing on the Hogan Tour last season, he reckons that playing in the States has toughened me up mentally".

His only error was on the 429-yard par-four fifth hole, where he found the left-hand bunker and missed a oneyard putt to save par:

Davis battled bravely for his 72 on Thursday when he hit just two of the first nine greens in regulation but saved the day with seven one-

Peter O'Malley, of Austra-lia, had a four-hole burst between the third and seventh holes, constructing three birdies and a four-iron hole in one. O'Malley had a hole in one during the 1990 British PGA at Wentworth but received nothing for it. (Agencies)

McNulty gets ahead with seven birdies

Harare Mark McNulty, recovering from a season of injuries and ailments, and eving with a new driver, se the course alight at Royal Harare yesterday when he shot a 65, seven under par, to take the advantage in the Zimbabwe Open (a Special Correspondent writes).

He leads Anders Haglund, of Sweden, by a shot and Michel Besanceney, of France, by two shots on 137. going into the third round.

McNulty, who finished eleventh on the order of merit last season - despite having a knee operation, a sinus operation and two bouts of pneu-monia — used luck and good judgment to compile a nearflawless round, northing up seven birdies.

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Boat Race is worth £1 m

By MIKE ROSEWELL ROWING CORRESPONDENT

THE Boat Race, supported since 1987 by Beefeater Gin, will continue to be sponsored by the distillery for a further three-year period beginning next year, it was announced yesterday.

Duncan Clegg, the repre-sentative for Oxford and Cambridge University Boat Clubs, said yesterday that "the clubs are delighted with the new agreement", which amounts to just over El million from 1983 to 1995.

So they should be. Without it they would be in financial straits. The new package is a the universities in their congenerous one. Beefeater's struction plans, Oxford being

1989, which amounted to £330,000, was followed by a second three-year package of £700,000. Half the money will be allocated to the Oxford and Cambridge Rowing Foundation providing, according to Clegg: "a reserve for possible rainier days".

The remainder will go to the clubs themselves, forming a contribution towards the training and equipment costs and the employment of fulltime coaches.

The money will also assist

sponsorship from 1987 to in the process of building a new boathouse while Cambridge are upgrading their facilities with a rowing tank and weight-training areas.
Tony Oscroft, Beefeater

Gin's commercial director, said that the El million was in return for sole sponsorship, both domestic and international, for the event. Since the sponsorship began in 1987. interest has increased significantly in the race, which was reported by over 150 journalists from home and overseas last year. Oxford were preparing on the tideway for this

YACHTING

New yacht promises to cut costs

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

duction race yacht designed to address all that is wrong with present-day offshore racing was launched yesterday. Drawn up by Ed Dubois and built by Bill Green at Lymington, the Spectrum 50. a strict one-design class, promises fast, exhilarating racing at half the cost, and with much greater comfort than that offered by the grand prix racers presently

AN INNOVATIVE 50ft pro-

used for such events as the Admiral's Cup. Based on the highly suc-

cessful Dubois-designed yacht, Dump Truck, the new class is controlled by strict rules. "The boars will be level in performance and the design encourages off-watch crew members to rest in their bunks below decks, instead of being forced to remain perched uncomfortably on deck throughout the race."

Dubois said yesterday. The first boat, which should be completed in time to compete in Cowes Week later this year, has been ordered by Tony

"It has become glaringly obvious just how much the sport has become fragmented." Todd said. "I am looking for keen racing at a limited cost. There is a strong desire for a fast, affordable onedesign yacht of this size."

HOCKEY

Stamp joins St Albans indoor challenge

By Sydney Friskin

KEVIN Stamp from Welton has joined St Albans in their challenge for the Glenfiddich international indoor tournament in Glasgow today and tomorrow.

St Albans have assembled a

strong force, which includes

two experienced campaigners, Halliday and Jennings, who can expect strong support from Wisher and Port. The English champions will face formidable opposition. There are two Scottish clubs - NMP Menzieshill, the holders from Dundee,

and Indespension from Glasgow - Holywood '87 from

Northern Ireland, Bucca-

neers and Hattern from the make a stronger impact. Outdoors, East Grinstea Shaw are not available.

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West Ham supporters ready to stage protest

that the 19,000 bonds, re-

leased at the start of last

month, would be sold out by

January 31 but, according to

Steve Rapport, editor of the

fanzine. Fortune's Always

Hiding, only 302 had been

allocated by last Wednesday.

to comment on sales now but

we will be making them pub-

lic on January 31. We need to

sell 19,000 to afford to re-

Finn added that the first

stage of building work was

due to start on the south

stand in May, involving a £10

million outlay. To meet it, the

dub would need to sell at least

11,000 bonds. Finn con-

firmed that the cost of issuing

the prospectus and advertis-

ing the scheme had already

develop Upton Park."

Finn said: "We do not want

multi-million.

BY LOUISE TAYLOR WEST HAM United sup-

porters intend to stage a protest after the home match with Wimbledon today. Their team is one place from the bottom of the first division. and without a win in ten games, but the demonstration will have nothing to do with events on the field. It is directed against a

fund-raising scheme which, according to its critics, has flopped so badly that it has sold only 302 of the 19,000 bonds available. The bonds were launched last month to finance West Ham's plans to transform Upton Park into a 25,000-capacity all-seat stadium in 1994.

Tom Finn, the club secretary, said yesterday: "The bond scheme is our only viable option for meeting the demands of the Taylor report. In the present economic climate, a share issue is simply not feasible. A protest will be extremely regrettable."

The scheme is designed to provide the £15 million required for the Upton Park improvements. It involves supporters buying bonded sears for £500, £750 or £975 and each bond-holder has the right to purchase a season ticket for a particular seat for

between 50 and 150 years. The club reserves the right to set the ticket prices each season, the expiry date of the bond will be determined by the club, and the cost price of the bond is repayable to the owner when called in by the club. If the bond-holder is unable or unwilling to continue watching West Ham, the bond can be resold.

West Ham had anticipated

dictated an expenditure of £1.3 million. Short of abandoning the



idea, lailure to sell sufficient numbers by May would necessiate a large loan from the Bank of Scotland, the backers of the scheme. Peter Storrie, managing director of West Ham, has claimed that any such loan would leave no funds available for team development.

In the worst outcome, it could mean the West Ham side was stripped of its assets.

This week, the club reportedly invited offers for the entire first-team squad: Stuart Slater is a £2 million target of Everton and Celtic.

Supporters appear divided as to whether the forward. who has been upset at being played in a wide rather than central position this season. should be sold. They are concerned that any profit would be used to write off the £1.3 million spent on promoting

Even if the money were to be reinvested. West Ham's transier dealings do not inspire confidence among their supporters. In recent years, Stewart Robson was bought for £610,000 and departed on a free transfer. Alan McKnight cost £300,000 and left for nothing, David Kelly was acquired for £600,000 and sold for £200,000, and

Jimmy Quinn arrived for £300,000 but was sold for£30,000.On the plus side. Tony Conee went for £2 million and the club is £250,000 up on four transfers involving Frank McAvennie.

Promoted last season, West Ham look to be heading back to the second division and missing the launch of the Premier League. Even their most loyal supporters - their average gate is 23,000 this season, the eighth best in the first division - are despairing over the decline of the "football academy" and becoming disillusioned with Billy Bonds, the manager, who, as a West Ham player, was an

idol of the crowd. Rapport said that the bond scheme, if not Bonds, was doomed and he hoped to hasten its demise with the launch of the Hammers Independent Supporters' Association. which holds its inaugural meeting on January 20. He has circulated a petition among supporters calling for the abolition of the bonds.

"Our main demand is the resignation of the board of directors," he said, "We need everyone to sign the petition against the bonds and to participate in peaceful protests before, during and after every

home game."
Over 1.000 registered their discontent after the 1-1 FA Cup draw with non-League Farnborough last week and Rapport hoped "thousands" would do likewise today, thus halting what he termed "a heinous attempt to turn football into a middle-class sport and take it away from the people who have been its lifeblood but simply cannot aff-

Injuries may force Ferguson's hand

Robson stands by to face Leeds in delayed cup-tie

ing him up but if we do run

into problems against Eventon I would have to

change my plans. You always

miss him because he gives us

that extra something. Howev-

er, I don't think that we miss

him quite as much as we used

to - that is the measure of a

As expected, Ferguson has

substitute. Pet Nevin coud be out of the Everton side with an

Norwich v Oldham

The only 40-year-old in the first division, Willie Donachie, retains his place on the substitutes' beach for Oldham, Mike Milligan

having failed to recover from an enkie injury.

lan Branloot, the Southampton

manager, knows he must win in order to allence the calls for his head from the terraces. Glenn Cockeril, the home captain, will return to the midfield should

was return to the microed should Stuart Gray tell a fitness test, while it is unlikely that Bramfoot would dare to drop Matthew Le Tissler again. Shelfield are without the suspended Brian Gayle and injured Jamie Hoyland.

West Ham v Wimbledon

Wimbledon have won all their three League visits to Upton Park and Peter Withe, who is on a sticky wicket as their manager, could do with a tourth success. Paul Miller and Gary Elkins are fit for action, but Roger Joesph is injured and out of the deferce. West I ham's defensive fraities.

Sheff Wed v Leeds Utd

Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, returns to Hillsborough for the first time since he left Wednesday for Elland Road in

Wednesday for Elland Road in 1988. Today's visit to Trevor Francis's third-placed team could be simplified by the influenza virus afflicting the Wednesay team Eight home players face fitness tests, but Wednesday are definitely withour David Hirst. For Leeds, Torry Dorlgo misses the Yorkshire derby with an anide

Compiled by Louise Taylor

Tomorrow

developing team."

BRYAN Robson, who was not expected to be available for first-team football for at least another ten days, may return to the Manchester United side for the delayed FA Cup third-round tie against Leeds United at Road next

Robson, who celebrates his 35th birthday today, has been placed on stand-by by Alex Ferguson and will play should any of United's other midfield players be injured in today's game against Everton at Old Trafford.

The United manager said:

Arsenal v Aston Villa

Villa in place of Mark Blake.

Steve Friggett, aged 18, a winger with only two minutes League experience behind him Is poised to make his full debut for

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Wrexham, are without the suspended lan Wright and —

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Steve Staunton injured Bryan Sma stays in the Villa side.

recognised forward in a Tottenham side without the injured Gary Lineker and Gordon Durle, orios of

Chelesa, that arms to evenge a 3-0 defeat at White Hart Lane In August. Paul Stewart or David Howells could revert to attack fro

midfield, while lan Porterfield.

the Chelsea manager, is without Tommy Boyd, Dave Bessent and Steve Clarks.

Don Howe is in charge of Coventry for his first game since succeeding Terry Burcher as manager earlier this week. He selects from 14. QPR are expected to be unaltered.

Manchester City are are without the injured Steve McMahon. Gary Megson deputieses in an otherwise unchanged side. Palace expect Andy Thorn and Simon Rodger to recover from ankle injuries.

John Barnes, who returned after a five-month absence to score three goels against Crewe Alexandra in the FA Cup in

midweek, makes his first League appearance since August for Liverpool. Ray Houghton is expected to pass a fitness test but

with Jamie Redknapp injured, Gary Ablett and Ronny Rosenthal join the squad.

In hot pursuit of a League and Cup treble. Manchester United attempt to regain the first division leadership from Leeds United by retaining the side which won 3-1 at Elland Road in

the Rumbelows Cup in midweek. Dennis Irwin is again a

Man Utd v Everton

C Palace v Man City

Liverpool v Luton

Chelsea v Tottenham

Paul Walsh is the only

Coventry v QPR

"Robson trained with us tonamed the side which defeatday and took part in a game ed Leeds in the Rumbelows at the end of the session. The Cup in midweek which means that Irwin, who has only trouble is, he has only managed 45 minutes of senow recovered from injury, nior football since December will have to be content with a 4. I would prefer to give him a place among the substitutes.

Trevor Francis, the Shefreserve game first before call-

field Wednesday manager, yesterday conceded that the team which he will send out for tomorrow's televised game at Hillsborough will be of a "makeshift" nature.

Francis. who is already lacking the services of David Hirst - sidelined for five weeks by a thigh injury - will have to give six regular first team players fitness tests before he can select his team.

Warhurst, Pearson, Nilsson and Williams are all suffering the after-effects of a flu virus. Sheridan has a knee injury. Jemson a hamstrine problem, and Harkes a troublesome Achilles. "We really do need to be at our strongest for a game like this, but that, sadly, will not be the case," Francis said.

Notim F v Notis Co Leeds, too, have their prob-Neil Warnock is a selflems. Dorigo is ruled out with a twisted knee, and will be replaced by either Whitlow, Snodin or McClelland. place of Nigel Clough, who begins the first suspension of his Strachan has had several stisches inserted in a leg career. County must replace Paul Rideout, wound but will play. Batty is starting a two-match ban and Southampton v Sheff Utd will be replaced by Hodge.

The match marks Wilkinson's return to Wednesday, the club he left in October . 1988. "If this game has been two years ago it would have been more emotional for me," he said. "Time does heal things and I never regretted joining Leeds. Having said that, leaving Wednesday was the hardest thing I have had to do in football."

Rideout signs for Rangers

PAUL Rideout became the latest Englishman to tread the well-worn path to Glasgow yesterday when he joined Rangers for £500,000.

Rideout, the 27-year-old forward, signed a two-and-ahalf year deal only four months after moving to Notis County from Southampton.

The deal was rushed through so that Rideout was available to face Hibernian if. as seemed likely, Mark Hateley was ruled out with a thigh injury.



Parry prepares for power

By PETER BALL

TOMORROW morning, in the unlikely surroundings of an East Midlands hotel, Rick Parry could be officially confirmed as the most powerful man in English football. It is expected that, at long last. his appointment as chief executive of the new FA Premier League will finally be ratified by the constituent

It is not a description Parry, an amiable accountant who came to football as a management consultant, initially employed by the Football League, would welcome, but it is a hard one to resist. Whether the Premier

League finally decides on three directors or 25, with the chairman, Sir John Quinton, planning to spend only two hours a week on his duties, and the clubs meeting only four times a year. Parry will be the effective controlling influence in the League. He appears well-equipped for the task. His skill in keeping the first division together over the last eight months, while at the same time keeping the clubs and the Foothall Association in harmony. must rank as one of the great achievements this century in British sport.

Even Parry admits that the weekly meetings of the 22 chubs in the planning stages was "a truly life-shortening experience", but he has emerged apparently unscathed. Generally, he has proved a

suitably flexible leader. He undoubtedly had the better hand to play, but it is tempting to wonder what the outcome would have been if he had been working for the Football League, rather than against it.

"He has a clear mind and is a good organiser." one first division club chairman remarked admiringly. "He is hard-working, and amiable. Perhaps he lacks a bit of forcefulness and he is inexperienced in football, but he quite good at planting ideas for other people to pick up and good at picking up on other people's ideas as well." But if he has so far played

his hand impeccably, his problems may just be beginning, starting tomorrow with discussions over the proposed "golden share" for the FA in the new Premier

League company.

That is likely to have a sticky passage both from some of the clubs, who think it gives away too much to the FA. and some FA councillors, who suspect that it gives them little more say in the Premier League than they already possess with the Football League.

That was not the object of their exercise, but if it goes through, even Parry will be hard pressed to disclaim the power that will be visibly in his hands.

Cameroon chase Africa Cup without Milla

By A Special Correspondent

CAMEROON, whose joyous football was a feature of the 1990 World Cup, are preparing to light up another tournament, the African Nations Cup in Senegal, a biennial even starting tomorrow, for the top dozen teams on the

The competition is attracting unprecedented attention from Europe, something which could be marked down almost exclusively to the feats of Roger Milla and his teammates in Italy. Rumours that Milla would be defying age to make another comeback have been widespread, though denied by the player himself, but the Cameroonians insist they can win the tournament without him.

They believe the squad is strong enough to emulate their 1988 victory, after managing to retain most of the players who reached the World Cup quarter-finals be-

fore losing to England. The gifted forward, Francois Oman Biyik, who scored the winning goal against Argentina in the first match in Italy, has found the net consistently in France despite playing for struggling clubs. Steven Tataw, the captain.

is an inspirational playmaker, and he could be parmered by Benjamin Massing, best remembered from Italy for the scything tackle-on Argentina's Claudio Caniggia. which earned him a red card.

But the Indomitable Lions of Cameroon face tough opposition in their bid for a third victory. The tournament has comprised eight teams on 11 of the last 12 occasions, but the expansion to 12 nations in four groups of three means virtually all the leading sides will be in Senegal. Similar in format to the World Cup, the tournament does not encourage positive play in the mini-leagues, with two of the three teams

through to the quarter-final knock-out stages, where the real contest will begin.

Cameroon should qualify from their group against the fading Moroccan team, second round qualifiers in the 1986 World Cup, and Zaire. who were the best team in Africa in the early 1970s, but have never recovered from a 9-0 defeat by Yugoslavia in the 1974 World Cup.

Ghana, the winners of the 1991 under-17 World Cup. will be lifted by Abedi Pelc. the brilliant Marseilles forward who is Africa's footballer of the year, and 17-year-old Nii Lamptey, who plays for Anderlecht, the Belgian champions. Zambia, who beat Italy 4-0 in the Seoul Olympics, with Nigeria and Egypt, will also call on several professionals who play for European sides.

Almost all the top nations rely on foreign-based playerssuch as these, attracted away in increasing numbers after the last World Cup. Indeed, the tournament has been brought forward from March to January to avoid European clubs hanging on to their players for crucial end-of-season matches.

African representation for the 1994 World Cup finals has been increased from two to three nations, and the finalists in Senegal will be keen to prove to the watching world they deserve it.

The tournament will be broadcast live by the satellite television company, Screensport. In addition, Channel 4 is making an hourlong documentary introduced by John Salako, the Crystal Palace who was born in Nigeria. This will be broadcast on January 26 and include highlights of that day's final.

GROUPS:A (based in Dakar): Senegal, Nigera, Kenya, Group B (Dakar) Car-erson, Morocco, Zeire Group C (Zguinshori, Algera, Noty Cossi, Congo. Group D (Zigumshor), Egypt, Ghena. Zemble

Jordan seeks perfection

IN BRIEF

JOE Jordan switches his attention from the top of the Italian League to the Scottish premier division title-chase

from each group going

The Heart of Midlothian manager spent five days in Italy as a guest of his old club. AC Milan, studying training methods and watching a 5-0 destruction of Napoli. Now. he hopes that some of the Milan magic rubs off on his players when they tackle Aberdeen at Tynecastle.

"The facilities over there are quite incredible." Jordan said. "It is first class all the

way, and if you had all the money in the world to do everything right, you would copy the Italian way. AC Milan go out to attack and basically that's the principle I apply to my team.

Like Milan. Heart of Midlothian are clear leaders. They meet an Aberdeen side which has won just once at Tynecastle since 1984, but Jordan is not complacent. "Aberdeen have set their standards high and I won't

underestimate them because of their league position," he

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

TAIWAN: Masters championships: Men's singles: Quarter-finalis: H Susanto (indo) bt 3 Kolessemkij (That), 15-11, 15-6; F (ermadi (Indo) bt 1-Fox Kok Keong (Malay), 4-15, 15-9, 16-10; A Wiraneta (Indo) bt T Stuer-Lamdsen (Den), 9-16, 15-7, 15-1; P-E Hoyer-Lamsen (Den) bt Kwan Yoke Meng (Malay), 15-6,

(Den) bi Kwain 1 Oke sening (Messay).

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Stuer-Laundsen (Den), 11-7. 12-10; E
Coene (Neth) bi J Muggendoje (Eng), 11
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11-7. 11-5. Womens doubles: Cuarterfinals: G Clark and J Bradbury (Eng) bi
Lee Yi-Hsia and Lin Hui-Heu (Tawath), 15-11, 15-3. Mixed doubles: Ourarter-finals: N Ponting and Clark (Eng) is Lee Sang Bok and Shim Eun Jung (Kor), 15-5, 1-11; J Paulsen (Den) and G Govers (Eng) br Liu En-Hung and Kang Chief (Falven), 15-10, 15-8

BASKETBALL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Al-iante Hawks 124, Dallas Mavericks 108, Charlotte Homete 109, Sedramanto Kings 96, Cleveland Cavaliers 99, Washington

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS CUP: Sami-firmi groups: Group A: Virtum Bologne 96, Maccabi Ette (Isr) 83: Barcelone 99, Phonole Caseria (II) 77: Slobodhe Delmacile (Yug) 95, Catone Zagreb 89 (in Le Coruna). Group B: Philips Milan 88. Den Helder (Nath) 78; Arie Salonika 75, Partizan Belgrade 83: Mechalen 90, Joventiut Badelona (Sp) 101; Bayer Lever-lusen 81, Club Estudiantes Madrid 31.

CRICKET SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Sydney: New South Wates 298-8 (T Beylas 80, G Matthews 71 not cut, M Tsylor 52, G Rowell 4-76) v Queenaland, Peritt West-ern Australien 200; Tesmania 26-1.

FRIMLEY GREEN: World champion-ship: Quarter-finats: M Gregory (Eng) bt R Harrington (Eng), 4-3; K Karny (Eng) bt A Warmer (Eng), 4-0.

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GOLF CARLSBAD: Tournament of champions: First round (US unless statist): 65: B McCallister: 66: T Purtzer: 87: P Azinger: 68: B Faxon. 69: S Ekington (Aus.) D Love. 70: M O'Meara, D Peoples. 71: K Perry, B Andrade, D Welbring, 72: L Wadkins, F Couples, R Cochran, I Baker-Firsth (Aus.) Wadkins, F Couples, R Cochran, I Baker-Finch (Aus). CARLSBAD: Senior tournament of chemplones: First round (US unless stated; 70: C Rodziguez, 71: R Charles (VZ), L Trevino; A Geiberger, D Weaver. 72: B Crampton. 73: C Coody, D Douglass, H Hanning.

TENNIS MELBOURNE: Australian open champlonahip: Qualifying: Men's singles: First round: J Bates (GSI) bt D Centz (Aus.), 52, 6-2. Second round: Bates bt D Bosse (US), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2. Women's singles: First round: S Loosemore (GB) bt M yoloboh (Japen), 6-3, 6-2. AUCKLAND: New Zealand open champlonships: Men's singles: Quarter-finals: J Yzaga (Peru) bt M Nawe (Ger), 6-3, 7-6; G Connell (Csn) bt K Evernden (NZ), 6-4, 7-6; M Washington (US) bt A Cherkssov (CS), 8-4, 6-2; M Zocke (Ger) bt A Volkov (CIS), 7-6, 6-2



Jeremy Bates: twin victories in Melbourne

LUGE WINTERBERG, Germany: European championships: Mm; Pairs (after two runs; 1, H-J Raiff and N Huber (Ger); 1mm; 22.312sec; 2, K Brugger and W Huber (f); 1.225.55, 3, S Krausse and J Behrendt (Ger), 1.225.632. Worner: Singles (after two runs) 1, S Erdmann (Ger), 1.23.232; 2, S Otto (Ger), 1.23.239; 3, A Neuner (Austria), 1.23.251.

MOTOR RALLYING PARIS TO CAPE TOWN RALLY: Four-teenth stage (Lobito to Namibe, Angola, 411km): Cars: 1, A Vetanen (Fin), Crivon, 28min 02sec penalties; 2, P Larrigue (Fr), Ciroon, at 26sec; 3, E Weber (Ger), Mitsubish, at 2min 26sec; 4, H Aundi (Fr), Mitsubish, at 2min 26sec; 4, H Aundi (Fr), Mitsubish, at 2min 26sec; 4, H Aundi (Fr), Mitsubish, at 2min 26sec; 4, H Aundi (Rr), at 8sec, 5, B Waldegard (Swo), Ciroon, at 4 38, Motorcycles: 1, E Onoli (It), Cagina, 1hr 37min 13sec; 2, R Mandelli (Rt), Gileria, at 8sec, 3, D Trolk (It), Cagina, at 31 Overall: Cars: 1, Auriol, 18hr (Omn 18sec pensities; 2, Weber, at 10min 50sec, 3, K Shinozuka (Japan), at 23,57, 4, Waldegard, at 1hr 29min 50sec, 5, Vatanen, at 2-40.29, 6, Lartigue, at 3,31,54 Motorcycles: 1, S Paterhanset (Fr), Yamaha, 47hr 58min 50sec, 2, D Laporle (US), Cagina, at 30min 47sec; 3, J Arcarons (Sp), Cagina, at 41.33 PARIS TO CAPE TOWN RALLY: FOUR

RUGBY LEAGUE

TABLE TENNIS BIRMINGHAM: English Open: Men's singles: Second round: J Person (Swa) bi A Silva (Por), 21-8, 21-2, 21-15, C Prean

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S Demen (Fr), 21-7, 21-17, 21-12, E Eccour (Pomi wo C Corsi scr M Svennson (Swe) bi E Bilen (Bel) 21-8 21-5, 21-17; E Timma (CS) bi B Puschman (Ger), 21-18, 21-17, 21-17; M Hooman (Neih) bi S Wahing (Eng) 21-6, 21-6, 21-6, 21-4; K Boraeris (Bel) bi J Barton (Can), 21-11, 21-9, 16-21, 22-20, L Lomes (Eng) bi C Falternuer (Ger), 21-16, 21-18, 21-12; C Bartori, (Hun) bi O Kravchenko (CS), 16-21, 21-12, 21-15, 21-18, 21-12; C Geng Lucan bi Svensson, 21-16, 21-13, 21-14, Nemes bi Palma, 13-21, 21-12, 21-8, 21-12, Badescu bi Gordon, 21-12, 21-13, 21-12, Wang Xapming bi Melnick, 21-8 21-12, Badesou bi Gordon, 21-12, 21-13 21-12 Wang Xapaming bi Melnuck, 21-18, 18-21, 21-17 21-15, Hosharo bi Cussu, 21-18 21-13, 21-18, Sevensson bi Timora 21-18 21-13, 21-18, 15-21, 21-18, Hooman bi Bogaeris, 17-21, 21-8 21-13, 21-13 21-13, 19-21, 21-15, 21-19 NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Boston Bruns 5. Creeter Nordiques 4, Detroil Red Wings 5. Minnesota North Stars 4; New Jerse, Devils 4, St. Louis Blues 3, New York Islanders 2, Hertlord Whaters 1, Philadelphia Flyers 5, Los Angeles Kings 2 Crucago Black hawks 2 Toronto Maple (sect 0)

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Andries is fit to box

Less than four months after losing his world crown. Dennis Andries will box Akim Tafer, of France, for the vacant European cruiserweight championship.

The European Boxing Union's deadline of January 22 for promoters to submit bids means the bout should go on in March or April.

Auriol keeps lead Motor rallying: The Frenchman, Hubert Auriol, retained his overall lead when the Paris-Cape Town rally re-

sumed after a two-day break. Clark doubles up

Badminton: In only her second tournament since a serious knee injury, Gill Clark reached the semi-finals of the of the Taiwan Masters.

Basketball: Cleave Lewis, the former Oldham Celtics forward, has signed for Hemel

Lewis a Royal

Hempstead Royals in time for tonight's Carlsberg League game with Worthing. Morbidelli stays Motor racing: The Minardi

newed Gianni Morbidelli's contract for the 1992 season. Hoellwarth upset

Formula One team has re-

Ski jumping: The Austrian teenager. Hoellwarth, gained a surprise win in the ninth individual event of the World Cup at Predazzo in Italy.

White competes

Yachting: A fleer of 65, including Reg White, the Brit-ish boatbuilder, competes in the world championship in the Tornado catamaran mixed and women's doubles class, starting near Fremantle tomorrow,

while in Hab

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Chairman optimistic as FA Council meets

Premier League plan reaches day of decision

ENGLISH football will change course within the chambers of Lancaster Gate on Monday. The 89 mem-bers of the Football Association council are expected officially to sanction the formation of the Premier League next season - but their approval may be offered grudgingly and perhaps only in

executive chairman of the Premier League, is optimistic that the meeting will indeed be conclusive. "I hope that the framework of the Premier League, and the way it is to be constituted in conjunction with the Football Association, is finally determined," he said

Since his appointment to the Premier League, Sir John, aged 62, the chairman of Barclays Bank, has been struck by what he believes is the sense of goodwill which has been shared by all concerned. Contrary to the impression gained by the public, there had, he said, been "a great spirit of co-operation in the various working parties that have been acting during

the last few months" Yet it would not be surprising if the council, the majority of whom represent counties rather than League clubs, exabout the proposal which has

humbling FA Cup defeat at

Wrexham, of the fourth divi-

sion, all eyes will be on

George Graham's side as

they aim to redeem them-

selves against Aston Villa at

16 points behind Manchester

United, the first division lead-

ers. but, outwardly at least,

Graham remained unruffled

yesterday. "I am not in the

grip of a crisis and I will not

Arsenal manager has lost the

Reports suggest that the

The League champions are

Highbury today.

panic," he said.

it was last discussed nine months ago. The vote was 78-4 in favour.

But then it was largely a dream, conceived by Graham Kelly, the chief executive of the FA. Most of his ideas, contained within his blueprint, have since been abandoned and the new, more practical concept is thought to have appreciably less then the fulsome support of the council. Kelly's principal aim was to assist the national team by limiting the pro-

gramme of the leading clubs. That should eventually be realised. The Premier League. though initially of 22 clubs, will probably be reduced by one at the end of each of the The ideal size, as almost

everyone within the game pri-vately agrees, is 18 clubs. But such a contraction, though it would be progressive and would bring England more into line with the rest of Europe, would be regarded as far too drastic a move.

doubtless abuse the system by filling the spare time with lucrative and exhausting trips abroad. After all, most of the Zenith Data Systems Cup, a spurious event watched by scarcely anyone.

The Premier League, if it is to be respected, should be formed to promote quality

Graham refuses to panic

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

SEVEN days after Arsenal's loyalty of his players but Gra- and I can assure you I won't

ham refuted them. "I have

had no more problems with

my players this season than I

did last season, when we won

"The supporters know the

score. They know what I have

done in the past and my

message to them is that the

players who brought success

one-season wonders when we

had a disappointing time

after winning the champion-

ship the first time in 1989.

"Some people said we were

"But I didn't panic then

the title," he said.

can do it again.

and not quantity. Yet suspicions abound, particularly among those who claim that they have not been consulted, and even some council memthe principles which are to be

debated on Monday. Gordon McKeag, the chairman of the League's shadow board and an FA councillor, described the new draft as being "as full of holes as a trellis fence. It does not provide the commercial interests which the council was looking for". Nor is his the

only dissenting voice.

Threats have been posed by the Football League, which was initially more interested in court action rather than redeveloping its own future, and the Professional Footballers' Association, which suggested that the players might add a fresh and more menacing meaning to the phrase "striker". The opposition was, sadly, predictable.

Once the first division had belatedly been modernised and reduced from 22 clubs in 1987, it took four years for the ancient structure to be reinstated. As Sir John Quinton prepares to oversee the next cautious, albeit unprecedented, step into the future, it is to be hoped that his optimism is not

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panic now. The good players

we have got have not sudden-

Graham pointed out that

Tony Adams and Steve

Bould, whose central defen-

sive partnership was influen-

tial in winning the title last season, have been restricted

to just two games together

this season. Yet he refused to

use such injuries as an excuse,

only known success here. This

"Many of the players have

ly become bad ones."



Sleight of hand: Prean serves in his fine run at the English Open yesterday

Prean gains prize scalp but then falls to old foe

By RICHARD EATON

Swede is a team-mate he knows well enough to have a

is a new experience for them. Not a nice one but, perhaps. an important one," he said. 'It is also a challenge for

me personally and one from which you can grow as a person. We pass the Kleenex around every morning, and have a little cry about the Wrexham result, but we are working hard, applying our-selves and getting back to "I am not talking about the

championship any more. My only aim is to see us put a winning run together."

Robson stands by, page 33

CARL Prean does not think of Jorgen Persson as a brilliant world champion whose presence alone can cost a point or two. Instead, the

chance of beating — and the England No. I did exactly that yesterday by 24-22, 21-10, 18-21, 21-17 to reach the quarter-finals of the English Open, sponsored by Cadbury's Chocolate Break, at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham.

Although this will probably attract more attention than any of Prean's fine wins because it has come during this country's premier event. it was a workmanlike and efficient performance compared with his fluent counterhitting victory against Persson in the World Team Cup in Barcelona seven weeks

ago. This time, Persson, who plays in the same Saarbrücken team in the German

Bundesliga as Prean, made an untidy start, went two games and 14-11 down and then unleashed some dazzling forehand loops, as

though throwing a switch. The world champion advanced to 10-8 in the fourth game and looked more than capable of saving the match. Prean did extremely well to make another surge after that, serving and following up with magnificent composure and accuracy during the last three points.

Prean regarded those as even more crucial than usual. The Swedes tend to play well in the fifth game and I didn't want that," he said. His excellent effort earned him another meeting with Jorg Rosskopf, the German No. I. who beat him at the same stage of the last English Open. Once again, Prean found Rosskopf's left-handed looping too difficult to cope with and lost 21-13, 21-12,

Prean's win over Persson completed the elimination of all three of the famous trio that won Sweden the world championship. With Jan-Ove Waldner, the former world champion, and Mikael Appelgren, the European champion, both losing the day before, the bottom half offered a likely route for Chen Xinhua, England's Yorkshire-based No. 5 seed, to progress to the final for the

second successive time. But Chen lost firedly, by 21-19; 18-21, 21-17, 21-19 to the speedy Steffen Feizner. his condition contrasting markedly with the fresher Prean's, who played only two matches of the recent China

The other England No. 1. Lisa Lomas, was not far from another fine win against the European No. I. Csilla Batorfi, losing 21-19 in the final game.

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SIMON BARNES ON SATURBAY.

Still poles apart

SUDDENLY, newspapers are bursting with the "news", that women will soon catch up with men in the marathon. Ignore this nonsense. Physiological fact: women can only beat men at tougher disciplines than the marathon.

The astonishing rate of athletic improvement in the less attritional events shows only how short a time women have been doing them. There will not even be a women's triple jump in Barcelona, though we will probably have one at the 1996 Olympics.

Women's pole vault is an even newer discipline: and. yes, Britain is lagging behind. The British best comes from Claire Morrison, who has cleared 2.80 metres. However, Nicole Rieger, of Germany, has vanited 3.90 metres, and 13 other Germans have beaten 3.00 metres.

Sergei Bubka need not worry yet his record is 6.12 metres. But expect the women's record to go up like a rocket. The other emerging women's event is the hammer. Anyone, male or female, keen to try either event should attend a nine-week course beginning next weekend at Gosling sports park, Welwyn Garden City, Henfordshire.

Spent force

FASCINATING fact: the world's most expensive footballer never plays foot-ball. No. this is not a Diego story: I am talking about Robert Prosinecki, all 12.5 million quids' worth of him. He won the European Cup for Red Star Belgrade last spring, went to Real Madrid for the afore-mentioned trifle, and has scarcely kicked a football

since. He has just had his second knee operation. His muscles are made of glass, the Spaniards are saying: pure Bohemian crystal, the most expensive glass you can buy. He was supposed to play in the derby match against Atletico Madrid last weekend, but the poor fellow broke down in training Real went down 2-0, and their hold on the top of league looks tennous.

Over the top

THE well-known actor and quiz-show person, I.T. Botham, will soon be flying to New Zealand to try his hand at cricket, leaving a vacancy on A Question of Sport. His place will be filled by, among others, John Barnes. It goes against the grain to say barsh things about anyone called Barnes, but really— To be asked to become a team captain is something to tell the grandchildren about," he said.



A jockey at odds with authority

ENGLISH jockeys are suspended for trying too hard or, occasionally, not trying hard enough. Now word reaches this column that one of New Zealand's leading jockeys has found some more original ways to enter the black books of the racing authorities.

Matthew Enright, who won the New Zealand Cup this season and stands fifth in the national jockeys' table, recently returned from a six-month suspension imposed after he was caught smoking marijuana.

At the Hastings race meeting in Hawkes Bay, on New Year's day, Enright again had his collar officially felt — just as he was collecting NZ\$6,000 (about £2,000) from

New Zealand jockeys, unlike the British, are allowed to bet on their own rides, but not on other people's. Sadiy for Enright, he rode only one of the six winners.

Rising stars

LAST week, [asked readers to suggest sporting oversights for the official honours list, a biannual puzzler. It rewards the windouble of sporting achievement and cleanliness of nose. The first oversight call was for Steve Davis. for being a thoroughly good chap. Then came a voice for Bunny Austin, who reached the Wimbledon singles final twice. Arise, then, Sir Steve and Sir Bunny, Knights of the Oversight. Any more

suggestions?

Team spirit

OUR boys beat the French by one-tenth of a point to qualify for the Olympic petition. Now the world can learn why the French failed: 36 hours before the competition, the four-man team was found knocking it back like there was no tomorrow. They were probably seeing parallel bars. Three have just been suspended from all competition for a year, a fourth for six months. Our boys were smarter they got stuck in afterwards.

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Davis reaches his third final in row

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

STEVE Davis reached a final for the third tournament in succession, thanks to a solid 6-2 victory over Nigel Bond in the £325,000 Mercantile Credit Classic at Bournemouth's International Centre vesterday.

Davis, the world No. 2, attempting to increase his tally of Classic titles to six, had far too much tactical expertise and scoring power for Bond. one of the tournament's giant-killers.

Bond, eleventh in the provisional world rankings, was expected to provide Davis with a stern examination after wins over Jimmy White. the defending champion, and Mike Hallett, the No. 8 seed. in the preceeding rounds.

However, Davis, without a victory in a ranking tournament since the Rothmans Grand Prix of October 1989. was never in danger after a break of 44 in the third frame. A brown-to-black clearance in the fourth gave him a 3-1 lead at the interval. Bond, a former English

amateur champion, took the

fifth frame with runs of 50

and 42, but Davis was in no

mood to capitulate.

cushion at 4-2. He fired in a 79 - the highest break of the match - in the seventh and a superb 59 clearance enabled him to snatch the next frame on the black. Davis plays Stephen Hendry, the world No. 1, or James Wattana, from Thai-

A run of 31, with the balls

awkwardly placed, helped

Davis regain a two-frame

land, in today's best-of-17frame final for a first prize of With £36,000 going to the runner-up. Davis is sure to

pass the £200,000 prize-money barrier for the seventh consecutive season. He said: "I'm delighted with my standard on what is a

tough table. You can't take liberties on it you've got to be on top form to flow and produce quality snooker. "There were times when I couldn't envisage performing to this standard again. I'd forgotten I could play this well. I am surprising myself." RESULTS, Serm-finate: S Davis (Eng) bt N Bond (Eng), 62 Frame scores (Davis first) 98-31, 32-102, 65-16, 64-09, 33-96, 70-16, 88-0, 59-48

Muhammad Ali at 50, Saturday Review

Hick gets opening vote

ALEC Stewart's startling rise within the England side went into recession here last night when he lost his recently acquired role as opening batsman to Graeme Hick for today's one-day international against New Zealand. Stewart reverted to No. 6, a

more comfortable place to bat but a more vulnerable member of the side. He was still entrusted with the wicketkeeping gloves ahead of Jack Russell but this job. too, may only be on loan. The man who sprang from

fringe player to vice-captain opened the batting in the first two games of the tour. but scored only one and nought. In the third, a chest infection delayed his innings and Hick grasped the chance to go in

first with a second century. Explaining the decision to alter the expected order for today's match. Graham Gooth, the captain, said: Fifty overs is a short game and you want to get your best players in early

As he also said that the additional burden on Stewart of keeping wicket was not a factor in the change, this was hardly a ringing endorsement of his deputy. Gooch is properly keen to encourage competition and, as Stewart

is now obliged to earn a middle-order place, against several other contenders, he cannot be thought secure. It is still thought likely that

Stewart will open in the first Test a week today, but if his own form, and Hick's, remain as they are, this too may be in doubt. Russeil can, anyway, be considered unfortunate to miss out today. His batting is

in excellent shape, with halfcenturies in both innings so far, and his superior wicketkeeping seems still less expendable than usual as England plan to use two spin bowlers in one-day cricket on the turgidly slow pitches here.



Hick edges Stewart

Today's match is the first, played by England, to be overseen by an independent referee. Peter Burge, of Australia, briefed the captains and managers of both teams yesterday and pointed out that, although his mandate is not to interfere with the umpiring, he has the power to reprimand a player, to fine him up to 75 per cent of his match fee or, as a last resort, to suspend him for a maxi-

mum of three games. Burge, who played 42 Test matches for Australia between 1954 and 1965, said: "I suppose it is sad there is a need for a referee but the game is very different from my day. Players and umpires are now under enormous

One of Burge's functions is to ensure the minimum overrate is adhered to and to administer the stiff new fines if it is not. This should not overtax him - his full-time job is as a consultant with a Queensland firm of debtcollectors.

ENGLAND: G. A. Gooch (captain), G. A. Hick, R. A. Smith, N. H. Farbrether, A. J. Lamb, A. J. Stawert, D. A. Reeva, C. C. Lawle, D. R. Pringle, P. A. J. Defreitza, F. C. R. Tuthell, NEW ZEALAND (trom): J. G. Wright, R. T. Latters, M. D. Grown (captain), A. H. Jenes, M. J. Grantibatch, C. Z. Harris, G. R. Larsen, 1, D. S. Smith, C. L. Quirns, D. K. Morrison, C. Pringle, J. T. C. Vaurshan.

Company warns of action

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ONLY eight days before their opening match in the rugby union five nations' championship. England's players may be accused of a breach of contract should they play against Scotland wearing the traditional white shirt

The latest round in the dispute between the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and Cotton Traders, the leisure and sportswear manufacturers who supplied the union with its World Cup kit, emerged yesterday after Cotton Traders sent a letter to all members of the RFU committee. suggesting they take legal advice regarding their individual standing in the

disagreement The company was refused an injunction last month, but the judge at the hearing questioned the legal "identity" of the RFU, should the matter of enforcement become an issue. Cotton Traders have filed papers seeking a further inrunction requiring the RFU to

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adhere to the contract. ****